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PREMIUMS FOR MORE BABIES

Rome, To-day.
Institution of a system of marriage loans repayable in instalments is one of the novel features in a State-aided campaign to raise the birth rate.

Couples marrying under the age of 26 will be entitled to a State loan of 1,000 to 3,000 lire, repayable in annual instalments, but the birth of children confers a reduction from 10 per cent. for the first to 40 per cent. for the fourth child.

Other provisions include remission of paternal taxation and a system of giving civil servants an increase in salary on the birth of a baby instead of at fixed intervals, as at present.—Reuter.

New Challenge To New Deal

BOSTON (MASS.), TO-DAY.
THE NEW DEAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMME OF OLD AGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAS RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY A MAJORITY DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HERE YESTERDAY.

Without deciding the question of whether or not the Federal Government was empowered to make benefit payments to unemployed and aged, the Court decided that the taxes on pay-rolls, by which the whole programme is financed, were unconstitutional.

The arguments were similar to the case recently heard by the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

SPEED LIMIT IN QUEEN'S ROAD

It is officially notified that the speed of motor vehicles is restricted to 20 miles per hour in Queen's Road East, Queen's Road Central and Queen's Road West, excepting that portion of Queen's Road East between Arsenal Street and Murray Road.

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HAVANA, TO-DAY.

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One sailor was killed and five wounded before the Captain was able to suppress the mutiny. Several men are in irons and the vessel has been ordered by the owners to proceed to Havana.—Reuter.

Annexation In North China?

Tientsin, To-day.

It is persistently rumoured in political quarters here that the Japanese military leaders have completed plans for the annexation to Manchukuo of the East Hopei and North Charhar "autonomous regions"—Our Own Correspondent.

Entire Race Off?

According to Trans-Ocean, the entire race has been called off, following objections from the United States.

America, says this report, considers that an accident in the race would discourage the efforts now under way for a regular trans-Atlantic service, so that the French Air Ministry yesterday dropped the project.

The race was originally planned on the initiative of the French Air Minister, M. Pierre Cot, as a form of tenth anniversary celebration of Colonel Charles Lindbergh's epic flight from New York to Paris in 1927.

£15,000 Prize

Plans for the race included the provision that planes should make the long hop between August 1 and August 31, pilots to choose their own day between these dates.

The entrant whose machine put up the best performance under the time of 38 hours 30 minutes taken by Colonel Lindbergh was to receive the first prize of £15,000.

The second and third prizes of £5,000 were to be paid to the competitors whose machines put up the best time under 48 hours.

Not Finally Shelved

Later reports, however, indicate that the project has not been officially shelved.

The United States protest has been received with indignation in Paris, the "Temps" declaring that the French Aviation Union will use all its influence to prevent cancellation of the race.

The view held by members of the Union is that cancellation would be "contradictory to all the traditions of sport."

Only in the event of the United States authorities actually prohibiting the start of the machine from American soil would France be disposed to renounce holding of the race.—Trans-Ocean.

"Shadow" Coronation Planned

London, To-day.
Two days before the real ceremony there will be staged in London a "shadow" Coronation as a rehearsal, which will be carried out down to the most minute detail.

All participants in the actual ceremony will attend the rehearsal and go through the proceedings.

Those present will include the Earl Marshal (the Duke of Norfolk), the Archbishop of Canterbury and Peers and Peeresses. The only absentees will be the King and Queen.—Reuter.

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STATUTORY MEETING OF MESSRS. MARS MAN AND COMPANY

"We are not alone in holding the view that China is on the eve of a brighter future... that she stands in need of outside assistance in the solution of some of her immediate reconstruction problems. We know that we are well equipped technically, and well equipped for raising or providing money to enable us to offer useful assistance in the various works which are essential to the development of any country; and we combine with this a sincere desire to play a useful part in the movement for close Anglo-Chinese relations which has been latterly widely referred to in both countries," said Mr. G. B. Gifford Hull, Managing Director of Messrs. Marsman and Company, yesterday afternoon at the Statutory Meeting of the Company.

The Chairman said:—I expect you are aware that this meeting is a formal one and is held to comply with provisions of Sec. 112 of the Company's Ordinance.

This Company was formed with the object of undertaking all kinds of mining as well as heavy civil engineering works in the East generally and although it has been in existence but a

short time, I am pleased to state that considerable progress has been made.

N.E.I. CONCESSIONS

We have become associated financially with two strongly capitalised companies formed to take over options, concessions etc. in the Netherlands East Indies and in New Guinea. One Company has secured rights over a very wide territory in Sumatra involving about 30 known metal deposits of different sorts, and already has a competent staff of about 12, including geologists and engineers, with drilling rigs and equipment, in the field. Several of these deposits are of value and one or two appear to show great promise. The work in Sumatra is actively in hand.

In Dutch New Guinea rights of exploration have been secured over an immense territory which is adjacent to a large area held by strong British and other mining interests, and an expedition is being sent there for the purpose of exploring this territory which is reported to be rich in mineral deposits.

In case you would like to hear fuller details of the work in the Netherlands East Indies, I have asked Mr. Beckerleg who, apart from being a large shareholder in your Company, is a Director of Marsman Investments, who are interested in the Dutch Companies, to place himself at your disposal to give up-to-date first hand information about the work there, upon request.

PROMISING PROSPECTS

Your own Company has made contacts in China both with regard to mining and engineering, although nothing concrete has yet matured. Several promising mining prospects have been studied and several others are ready for study. This side of our business shows such promise that we have been forced to form immediately a strong mining Department to handle it, and I am pleased to inform you that Messrs. Marsman & Co. of Manila have agreed to place at our disposal free of charge, their Board of Consulting Engineers who will advise us on those mining matters which our own Mining Department will bring to the stage when final decisions on technical and other points have to be made.

At this juncture I would rather not refer in detail to our work generally in China, first because it is a little premature and second because it would not be in the best interests of the Company for me to do so. I can say however, that at present we are quite satisfied, indeed I might say gratified, with the results of our efforts in this connection.

No questions were asked and the report was adopted. Mr. Ohnick proposing and Mr. Beckerleg seconding.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. G. B. Gifford Hull, Managing Director, Messrs. B. S. Ohnick and T. B. Wilson (Directors), A. Beckerleg, H. O. Odell, and M. C. Brent-Smith.

"IDLE TALK OF EXPANSION"

Strong Japanese
Warning

A strong warning against "idle talk of southward expansion" was uttered by Mr. Kazue Kuwajima, the newly appointed Minister to the Hague, on his return to Tokyo from a month's trip to the Netherlands East Indies.

Such talk, he declared, serves no good purpose and only arouses misunderstanding abroad.

The people of the N.E.I., Mr. Kuwajima said, are watching Japan's so-called southward expansion policy with wary eyes.

"The shows," he said, "that there is need for demonstrating the true nature of this policy by peacefully co-operating with the people of the N.E.I. in the economic development of the islands.

Joint Efforts Urged

"All enterprises must be conducted by the Japanese only jointly with the people of the Netherlands. The latter, I am sure, will willingly permit the Japanese to launch on enterprises mutually beneficial."

"Such co-operation, of course, would not be extended to enterprises affecting the defence of the islands and some other fields."

Mr. Kuwajima revealed that during his stay at the N.E.I., he conferred with Governor-General Dr. V. C. de Jonge and Dr. C. H. C. Hart, Director of the Economic Affairs Bureau.

Attitude Better

Both, he said, stressed the necessity of promoting commercial and cultural relations between the two countries in order to deepen mutual understanding.

"During my visit," he said, "I noticed a perceptible improvement in the attitude towards Japan."

The Gaimusho announced the signing of a commercial accord with the N.E.I.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is leaving Nanking to-day for Shanghai and Hong Kong.

INNKEEPER BECOMES LORD OF MANOR

Max Wenner, a rich Shropshire squire, killed by falling from an air liner as he flew back from seeing his German fiancee recently, has left his 5,000-acre Longmynd grouse moor and £2,000 to his agent, William Humphrey, of Stiperstones Inn, near Shrewsbury, writes a Daily Express Staff reporter.

Mr. Humphrey thus becomes "lord of the manor" and dispenser of "commoners" privileges on the Longmynd, which was once King John's hunting forest.

He told me after the plane tragedy: "Mr. Wenner always used to call me partner. We were more like partners than master and servant."

I learn that after payment of certain legacies, Max Wenner's fortune—expected to be about \$250,000—goes to Baroness Wenner, sister, and Captain Alfred and Mr. Charles Wenner, brothers in business in Manchester.

Fraulein Olga Bucksenschutz, his fiancee, is to receive \$2,000.

THE WORLD GOES BY

HER books include unusually candid biographies of Catherine the Great and Queen Christina of Switzerland."—"Daily Express."

Students of Swiss history may remember the riots of 1678, when the Swiss suddenly discovered that Christina had been fooling them for forty years and wasn't Queen of Switzerland at all, but Queen of Sweden. Were those boys sore! Did they burn!

"You didn't ought to of done it!" said William Tell, speaking simultaneously in German, French, Italian and Romansch:

"Oh, no?" said Christina laughingly, "and what about you, you hairy old Swiss tease? You've never existed at all."

This was rather a "facer" for Tell, being true, and pretty silly he looked.

It Might Be You

He may wear a mask of indifference: he may even face the world with a smile: but he carries with him a burning sense of injustice, for—

He can never attract a waitress's attention:

In hotels he is always given a room which has a champion snorer on one side, a bottle-party on the other, and a fanlight through which a strong light shines from the corridor all night long:

People always tread all over his feet in the Underground:

And, in a cinema, he always finds himself behind either two incessant talkers or the world's largest woman in the world's largest hat.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

Freedom Does Not Mean End Of War

Moscow, To-day.

The clause in the new Soviet Constitution, guaranteeing full religious freedom, by no means signifies a fundamental change in the official Soviet attitude towards religion.

This statement is made by the leader of the Soviet youth organisation, the Komsomol, in an article in "Pravda."

The clause, he says, is not a signal for cessation of anti-religious propaganda.

Rather should atheist propaganda be intensified as a result, he concluded. —Trans-Ocean.

NAVY'S NEW MEDICAL CHIEF

The appointment is announced of Surgeon-Rear-Adm'l. Percival T. Nicholls, Hon. Physician to the King, to be Medical Director-General of the Navy. He will succeed Surgeon-Vice-Adm'l. Sir R. W. Basil Hall on July 2nd.

Surgeon-Rear-Adm'l. Nicholls, who is 59, entered the Naval Medical Service in 1901. Previously he was house physician of Middlesex Hospital, where he received his medical training. He served throughout the war, and was promoted to his present rank in 1932. He was formerly Medical Officer in Charge, R. N. Hospital, Malta.

Remarkable German Experiment

Berlin, To-day.

The audience who listened to a complete opera in a small German town yesterday were amazed by the fact that though they could hear, they could not see, the orchestral accompaniment.

Although music was being played, the orchestra was not in the theatre but in the nearest large town, many miles away!

This apparent phenomenon was the result of extensive experiment by a German engineer, Dr. Fischer.

The idea has been evolved for the benefit of small opera companies who are unable to afford travelling expenses for their own orchestra, and who perform in country areas where no local orchestra is available.

TIMING PROBLEM

The problem of timing was the main problem confronting Dr. Fischer.

This he solved by two sets of telephone wires connecting the stage with the far-away orchestra.

One set of wires transmitted the stage performance to the orchestra, each member of which was provided with headphones. The other set conveyed the orchestral music to the stage, where it was distributed by means of loud-speakers.

A second conductor in front of the stage kept the singers in time and was also able, by means of a switchboard, to regulate the volume of the orchestra.

Yesterday's experiment was staged with the singers and orchestra 300 miles away from each other and proved a perfect success.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANK VOSPER BURIED

New Theory Of Mystery

The funeral of Mr. Frank Vosper, the actor and dramatist, took place at Plympton St. Mary, near Plymouth. Mr. Vosper disappeared from the liner Paris on March 6, and his body was washed up near Beachy Head.

The service was taken by the Vicar of Plymouth, the Rev. E. J. Sandford. In spite of the heavy rain, hundreds of spectators gathered in the churchyard.

Mr. Peter Willes, Mr. Vosper's friend, who was a fellow passenger on board the liner, entered the churchyard a few minutes before the service was due to start. He accompanied Miss Margery Vosper, sister of Mr. Frank Vosper. They did not go into the church, but remained near the grave.

New Theory

A new theory for the body of Frank Vosper, the actor, being found unclothed was put forward by an expert. This was that Vosper divested himself of part of his clothing after he fell into the sea and that the action of the water removed the rest.

Navigation experts have now plotted as accurately as is possible the course which was most likely to have been taken by the body before it reached the Sussex coast.

It has been calculated that the body drifted about 225 miles in 16 days, travelling at the rate of 14 miles a day.

This, in the opinion of experts, is the speed which would be expected, considering the prevailing tides.

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SEARCH FOR FAR EAST BEAUTIES

BY HUNGARIAN
ARTIST

A search for the most beautiful women of Asia has been started by Professor L. Tatz, famous Hungarian portrait painter, who recently announced that he had been commissioned by an anonymous Shanghai patron of the arts to immortalize on canvas some 40 to 60 lovely ladies of every Oriental land.

He expects to complete the project within 18 months, and it will be shown at the World's Fair in New York in 1939. After that Professor Tatz expects that the paintings will be housed in a permanent gallery in Shanghai.

Pausing in his labours in Shanghai, he explained that no effort will be made to collect subscriptions for a museum to house the pictures, as there are several institutions, notably the Royal Asiatic Society, that would be pleased to find space for them.

"Every year about 50,000 visitors come to Shanghai," he said, "and few of them would wish to leave without a look at the most beautiful women of Asia. All private and most state galleries charge an admission fee, and are not burdens but real income-producers."

Emphasizing that the ladies selected for the paintings will not be charged for their sitting, or asked to contribute to anything, Prof. Tatz remarked that the quality of modesty in Oriental women was at times troubling. European women, he added, consider it a social accomplishment to have their portraits done.

SHORTAGE OF BANDS FOR CORONATION

Though Britain has more than 5,000 brass bands, and they are re-equipping themselves to the tune of £40,000, there will be a shortage of bands for the Coronation celebrations.

Every band has been booked up for months. Dozens of new bands have been formed in the last six months, and some which have been non-existent since the war have been re-organized.

It costs at least £600 to start a brass band.

One London firm of instrument makers said:

"We have at least £10,000 worth of orders in hand for brass band instruments and £6,000 for uniforms in this country alone. There are also hundreds of orders from India, Egypt, and South Africa."

The editor of the *British Bandsman* said:

"Many village bands have been dissolved since the war owing to the expense of the instruments. About 50 new bands have been formed, or old ones re-established, during the past year."

At the official opening of the Queen Mary Hospital, the refreshments served were donated by Messrs. Hop Kee & Co., provisions contractors to the Government hospitals, of No. 42, Connaught Road Central.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. Stephen Francis Ballou to be Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

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GOERING WARNS ASSASSINS

WALL OF DEFENCE ROUND HITLER

Germany's revival as a great military power was the theme of a speech delivered in the Air Ministry in Berlin by Gen. Goering, Commander-in-Chief of the German Air Force.

He was commemorating the second anniversary of Herr Hitler's reintroduction of conscription in defiance of the Treaty of Versailles.

Gen. Goering made the first public reference ever heard in Nazi Germany to the danger of assassination which Herr Hitler and his representatives have had to face.

"I say to all those," he cried, "who think that perhaps their last chance of overthrowing Germany is by means of murder and desperate attempts on our lives, that the passionate love of a whole people forms a wall of defence round the leader and his trusted followers. Woe to him who plays with fire here!"

Although the speech was broadcast by all German stations and heard by thousands, this passage was omitted from the version circulated by the official news agency for publication.

Danger Of Defencelessness

"If a great nation like Germany," said Gen. Goering, "which lies with open frontiers in the midst of Europe, is defenceless, it amounts to an invitation to other peoples to interfere with the destiny of the German Reich. That means a great danger of war."

"When people speak so often of peace and Governments proclaim in their parliaments that Germany is the menace, we can only reply that Germany has contributed in full measure to the peace of the world. Her strong fighting forces are derived from the people and determined to help the people guard Germany's peace."

"If a people," he continued, "renounces its most sacred right, that of defence. We experienced the almost indescribable fact that this nation, which stood for four years like a wall of steel and iron against a world of enemies, sank into powerlessness."

"But to-day a German can hold up his head again and be proud to be a German."

"Whatever may happen, we know that we have a great German as our leader. Whatever he demands of us, comrades, we shall be ready, determined to follow the path which the Fuehrer shows us. Wherever he sends our flags, our sacred banners, we shall stand as a wall of steel and iron and do our duty to the last."

We Are Invincible

"To-day we are a united community, a people with one will in big things and one leader. We must never permit the slightest explosion to shake this granite rock. Thus we shall show the world that we have become invincible."

"It is our desire, comrades," he concluded, "to form a firm ring round our leader, through which nothing can break. This ring must also be closed around our people so that no enemy will dare any more to set foot on the sacred soil of Germany."

"We shall bear the Fuehrer in our hearts, inspired with passionate love and gratitude for what he has done for all of us, but especially for us soldiers to whom he has given back the sword and the right to enter the lists for our people."

An Hour's Variety:
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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Moments Musicaux (Schubert) played by Ethel Leginska (Pianoforte).
1.16 p.m.—Recital by Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.-12.15 a.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
Ruy Blas Overture (Mendelssohn).
Tom Jones—Selection (German).
Old Folks at Home and in Foreign Lands (C. J. Roberts).
Marching with Sousa.
7.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Summary and Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Recital by Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
Tenor Solos—
If I should send a rose (Shayon Shilkret).
Open your window to the morn (Royden Phillips).

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Mother O' Mine (Tours).
Violin Solos—
Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler).
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 22.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 23.
8.15 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Vocal—
Someone to care for me.
Il Bacio (The Kiss).
Deanna Durbin.
Bihari's Lament.
Orchestra—
Cockchafer, yellow cockchafer. Magyari and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Vocal—
I'm still in love with you.

I'm just beginning to care.
Turner Layton.
Organ Solo—
With Eric Coates thro' London. Quentin MacLean.
Humorous—
Tennis. Clapham and Dwyer.
Vocal—
Ellaline Terriss and Seymour Hicks—Medley.
Band—
Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air). Rode and His Tziganes.
Vocal—
I once had a heart Marguerita. Turner Layton.
Accordion—
Mimile's Valse.
The happy whistler. Bijou Accordion Orchestra.
Vocal Duet—
A Fine Romance. Dixie Lee Crosby and Bing Crosby.
9.10 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.30 p.m.—London—"Responsibilities of Empire"—A talk by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M. P. (Electrical Recording).
9.45 p.m.—Hawaiian Melodies. Papalina Lahilahi. Ray Kinney, with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians. Samoan Love Song. Mohea I Muolan Lani. Andy Iona and His Islanders. On the beach of Waikiki. Hilo Hanakahi. Waikiki Stone-Wall Boys.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill-Room.
11.25 p.m.—London—"Victorian Melodies"—A Musical sequence produced and conducted by Mark H. Lubbock (Electrical Recording).
12.15 a.m.—Close down.
4.30-6-15 p.m.—Additional programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles and from Z.B.W. on 31.49 Metres (9.52 megacycles). A Running Commentary by Frank V. Read on the first division Football Match between South China "A" and Kowloon Football Club, on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Cost Of A Cheap Trick

"Dear Chief:

"While the depression was on it was the fashion to blame it for every misfortune known to man, from industrial failure to whooping cough. Its influence was so pervasive that it was only natural it should rear its ugly head even at the bridge table. The order of the day was conservation. The only virtue of a purchase lay in its inexpensiveness. Thus when a bridge player could win a trick with an eight spot he would have been considered nutty to have expended an honour.

"But now that good times have returned on golden wings there is no such excuse for penuriousness among bridge players. The declarer, in the hand I am sending you, could not have heard that the depression is over.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—10 3

H.—3

D.—Q 10 6 3

C.—A Q J 10 9 5

WEST

EAST

S—K Q 9 5 S—8 7
H—7 6 H—K Q 10 8 4 2
D—K J 9 7 2 D—5
C—8 7 C—K 4 3 2

SOUTH

S—A J 6 4 2

H—A J 9 5

D—A 8 4

C—6

The bidding:

South West North East
1 spade Pass 2 clubs Pass
2 hearts Pass 3 clubs Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass

"The bidding was, I think, correct in all particulars. South first sounding out major suit possibilities and then, when North rebid his clubs, having a go at three no trump. The subsequent play, however, left something to be desired.

"West opened the seven of diamonds and there was no reason to look on this lead as anything but an honest fourth best opening. The rule of eleven showed that there were no higher cards than a seven spot in East's hand, since all four were in declarer's sight, and this

conclusion should have been strengthened when East played the five spot on dummy's three. But probably all the declarer thought was 'here is a dirt cheap trick.' He actually chortled as he scooped it in with the eight. He then led his singleton club and finessed. East, not knowing whether his partner or declarer had the missing club, properly held off, and declarer now cashed the club ace and led a third round to clear the suit just as though he knew how he was going to get back into dummy. Needless to say, he did not get back.

"West won the king on the third round and laid down the king of hearts. Declarer won and, from that time, didn't do so well, finally winding up with two club tricks, two diamonds, two hearts and one spade for a 200 point penalty.

"Without the aforesaid influence of the depression declarer might have been able to see that his one chance of reentering dummy after the club suit was established lay in maintaining a diamond entry. The opening lead, therefore, should have been won by the ace, not the eight. With the king almost surely located on declarer's left (and if it wasn't there, there wasn't anything to be done about it), declarer could have established the clubs and later led up to the diamond queen in complete safety. West never could have prevented the diamond queen from becoming an entry, and it would have been a miracle if the defenders had taken more than three tricks in all.

"Some players never learn that a bridge table is not a bargain counter.

"Respectfully submitted,

"The Spy."

TO-DAY'S QUESTION.

Question: Partner opened the bidding when one no trump. Next hand passed. What should have been my response with the following?

S 10 8 6 3 H 6 4 D 9 7 5 4 3 2 S J

Answer: Two diamonds. With a six card suit you should take out even without any honour strength. If partner now rebids two no trump you should bid three diamonds, which is a signoff bid.

Mr. Baldwin On
Responsibilities
Of Empire

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"The Devil Doll", with Lionel Barrymore, Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank Lawton. Barrymore portrays a vengeful man who uses a secret method of shrinking people to minute size without destroying life.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Invitation To The Waltz", with Lillian Harvey, and Anton Dolin. A romantic film, the period of which is the early nineteenth century during the Napoleonic wars. Lillian Harvey plays the part of a Drury Lane ballet dancer who, through a series of unexpected events, finds herself in a foreign country as the favourite of the Duke of Wurtemburg.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"A Doctor's Diary", with John Brent, Helen Burgess, George Bancroft and Ruth Coleman. A gripping drama of medical ethics and life behind the scenes in a large Metropolitan Hospital and a doctor's struggles between love and duty.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The Longest Night", with Robert Young, Florence Rice, Ted Healy and Julie Haydon. Mystery, with an added element of romance and humour, provides the highlights of this picture, and incidents following one upon another in bewildering succession combine to build a great story.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Charlie Chan At The Race Track", with Warner Oland, Keye Luke, Helen Wood, Thomas Beck and Gavin Muir. Another typical Chan mystery, but one of the best.

AT THE STAR—Violet Loraine and the ever-popular Gordon Harker in "Roadhouse," a Gaumont-British success.

COMING PICTURES

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of

savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Under Cover of Night" with Edmund Lowe, Florence Rice, Sarah Hadley and Nat Pendleton. One of the most unique mystery stories to reach the screen. The story is placed in a great College with a background of science for the mysterious crimes. This is unusual and starts the interest from the start with Lowe as the sleuth. Coming to the King's.

"Mind Your Own Business,"—With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

"Champagne Waltz", with Gladys Swarthout, Fred MacMurray, Jack Oakie and Herman Bing. Gladys Swarthout's excellent singing is a major feature, but a bright film. It includes humour, a touch of pathos and some of the most delightful music heard for a long while. The musical background is provided by Strauss waltzes. Coming to the Oriental.

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Wives Never Know", with Charles Ruggles, Mary Boland and Adolphe Menjou. Ruggles and Mary Boland in another of their inimitable domestic comedies. Coming to the Star.



BLOCKADE "SURRENDER"

Pointed Questions In Parliament To Mr. Eden

MOTOR STRIKE IN CANADA

Settlement Reported
Reached

UNION COMPROMISE

Oshawa, To-day.
The strike in the General Motors factory here has been settled.

Mr. Homer Martin, President of the American United Automobile Workers Union, announced that an understanding had been reached in Detroit yesterday, the terms of which would be submitted to a mass meeting of workers last night for ratification.

It is understood that the men will return to work on Monday, and that negotiations will then begin between the Canadian General Motors Company and workers' committees from all the company's factories in Canada for complete settlement of all points.

Although these committees will apparently be composed of members of the United Automobile Workers, the company seems to have gained their point that they would not sign an agreement with U.A.W. officials but only with their own employees.—Reuter.

SPANISH COAST CONTROL

Official Announcement
On Preparations

London, To-day.
Under the non-intervention control scheme, it has been arranged that all patrolling vessels shall fly the special pennant of the North-East Fisheries Convention and that merchant vessels having observers on board will fly a plain white flag with two black circles which has been specially designed for the purpose.

An official statement issued by the International Board last night with reference to the coming into operation of the control scheme at midnight on Monday, exempts from the obligation to embark observation officers vessels with wireless equipment which have already passed an appropriate observation port and vessels without wireless equipment which have already passed their last port of call.—British Wireless.

DIVINE WIND IN BERLIN

Meets Bad Weather
On Journey

Berlin, To-day.
The "Divine Wind," which set a record mark for the Tokyo-London flight last week, landed at Tempelhof aerodrome from Brussels at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The airmen received an enthusiastic reception from a large crowd, which included the Japanese Ambassador and representatives of the Government.

Bad weather held up their flight from Brussels and forced the fliers to make an intermediate landing at Detmold.—Trans-Ocean.

COAL STRIKE THREAT IN BRITAIN

STRONG HOPES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

London, To-day.

A vote has just been taken of all the coalfields of Great Britain on the question of strike action in connection with the local disputes which have been in progress for some time in Nottinghamshire.

BOTTLED BLOOD SAVES SPAIN'S FIGHTING MEN

Blood taken from donors, sealed in milk bottles, packed into refrigerators, and sent to the Spanish war fronts, is saving thousands of lives.

Canadian doctor, Norman Bethune, of Montreal, is directing this amazing blood-transfusion service, claimed to be unique in modern warfare.

Canadian money keeps it going without support from the Republican Government.

Dr. Bethune and two Spanish assistants—Doctors Frederico Duran and Gil Barber—are working on the Madrid, Aragon and Almeria fronts.

Describing the system to a Reuter correspondent, Dr. Bethune said that the transfusion service was keeping the men in Madrid busy for eighteen hours a day.

Race To The Trenches

It was backed by public subscription to the Canadian Committee in Aid of Spanish Democracy.

In Barcelona Dr. Duran has 2,000 people from whom blood is being drawn. In Madrid there are 1,500. Every person used is first tested for symptoms of disease.

From one to two gallons of blood a day is collected from donors in Madrid, placed in pint milk bottles in refrigerators constructed to keep the blood at a temperature of between 2 and 5 degrees Centigrade.

From collecting centres, refrigerator trucks carry the bottled blood to distributing centres, which are behind the fighting line. Each of these has a refrigerator.

At these points are skilled doctors with assistants and cars. As soon as a call for blood transfusion comes in, they race to the trenches, and often under fire perform the transfusion.

One the Madrid front, milk bottles, used to contain the blood, are fitted with a tube, a bulb and a needle. The doctor pumps the blood into the patient's veins by working the bulb.

A system used on the Aragon front is that of Dr. Duran's glass test tubes. Blood is contained under gas pressure. These containers are fitted with sterilised needles ready for use. This method will be extended.

So far, more than 2,000 transfusions had been given, said Dr. Bethune.

An important factor in success was the central unifying organisations.

"Thousands of lives could have been saved in the Great War had this been used," said the doctor.

FREEDOM OF BILBAO

UNNECESSARY CAUTION?

London, To-day.
Two private notice questions on the situation on the Basque coast were answered in the Commons by the Foreign Secretary.

He read a telegram from the British Consul at Bilbao as follows.

"The President of the Basque Government urgently requests you should be informed food situation critical, that harbour entrance is clear of mines, that shore batteries can effectively protect merchant shipping in territorial waters and that blockade is not effective. Since April 1st twentyseven vessels entered into and thirtytwo cleared from Bilbao."

It would be clear Mr. Eden said that the Consul was passing on a message from the Basque Government and not impressing his own views as the Leader of the Opposition had appeared to suggest in his question.

Mr. Lloyd George, intervened, wanting to know if the Government had taken steps to ascertain whether or not the Basque Government's statement was correct.

GOVERNMENT POSITION
Mr. Eden replied that naturally the Government would do all it could to secure full information and, in answer to another member, explained that no one had even said that no ship could get in or out of Bilbao.

The other private notice question referred to the reported departure of the British merchant ship, Mary Llewellyn, from Saint Jean de Luz and enquired about protection for British ships which disregarded the Government's advice not to proceed to Basque ports.

Mr. Eden recalled the explicit statement he had made in the debate on Wednesday that while the Government hoped ships would not disobey instructions, if they did, and were on the high seas, they would be entitled to protection.—British Wireless.

North China Air Service

Tientsin, To-day.
The Balance Sheet of the Hui-Tung Aviation Company shows a loss of \$100,000 for the first half year.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. A. Brearley and Miss Joan Brearley left for Australia yesterday in the Changte.

The Rev. Karl F. Erny is to act as President in the Colony of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society during the absence of Mr. A. Ritzl.

LANCASHIRE DEPUTATION IN LONDON

Mr. Runciman's Promise

London, To-day.
A large and influential deputation from the Lancashire cotton industry, representing both employers and workers, laid before the President of the Board of Trade yesterday, an appeal for further consideration and effective action by the Government on the two main problems confronting the industry—internal re-organisation and the recovery of export markets.

Mr. Runciman promised to bring the deputation submissions to the attention of the Government and to receive it again at a later date.—British Wireless.

SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER'S REPLY TO GERMAN PROTEST

Not Anti-Nazi In Essence, But--

BERLIN REMINDER OF MANDATE

Capetown, To-day.

The anti-Nazi proclamation of the South African Government (banning political activities on the part of foreigners in South-West Africa) was not induced by an antagonistic motive towards the Reich.

THIS DECLARATION WAS MADE BY THE PREMIER, GENERAL HERTZOG, IN REPLY TO THE GERMAN NOTE OF PROTEST AGAINST THE MEASURE. SOUTH AFRICA, DECLARED GENERAL HERTZOG, WAS GUIDED BY THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO PROMOTE PROPER ADMINISTRATION AND ORDERED DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER GERMAN TERRITORY.

THE MEASURE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST PRACTICES WHICH PRECLUDED CONCILIATION AMONG VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION AND WHICH OPERATE AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF GERMANS AS WELL AS THE OTHER INHABITANTS.

The proclamation was issued in pursuance of South Africa's intention to carry out the trust imposed by the mandate, and applied to all non-British subjects without discrimination against Germans.

The Union Government trusted that German nationals would give no occasion for applying the provisions of the proclamation to them, and Government would welcome the co-operation of the German Government in that regard.—Reuter.

Berlin Attitude

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The answer of the South African Government to the German Note of protest against the new measures in South-West Africa, has met with quite a favourable reception in German Government and political circles.

General Hertzog's declaration is held to be "quite conciliatory" in tone.

Germany, it is declared in Berlin, welcomes the Union's invitation to co-operate but before this can take place, proper conditions for co-operation must be established.

ANNEXATION ISSUE
The report of the commission of investigation in South-West Africa, which recommended complete an-

nexation of the mandated territory as a fifth province of the Union, and at the time called forth diplomatic representations from the Reich, certainly cannot be regarded as the background conducive to co-operation.

It is also pointed out that the rights granted to Germans in the mandated territory under the London Agreement of 1923 have been infringed upon through the action of the Union Government, since no German is allowed to be a member of the central government and the German language is excluded as the official language.

The only offices open to Germans, it is pointed out, are those in the school administration.

"NON-BRITISH"

General Hertzog's statement that the new measure was not directed against Germans but against all non-British nationals, has not been received with praise in Berlin.

It is an open admission that British subjects enjoy special rights, in striking contrast to the constitution as laid down by the League of Nations when the mandate was given to Britain.

Finally, the hope is expressed here that the proclamation be regarded as a dead letter and that at a later date it will be quietly withdrawn, as it is an "unnecessary and disturbing factor in international relations."—Trans-Ocean.



GENERAL HERTZOG

COMPULSORY TRAINING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

The South African Minister of Defence, Mr. O. Pirow, yesterday outlined a scheme of compulsory physical training for youths of the Commonwealth.

The scheme involves 200,000 boys up to the leaving school age, after which the young men will be allowed to continue the training voluntarily.—Reuter.

Soviet Orders Big Battleship

16-INCH GUN SHIP OFFER TO U.S.A. CONSTRUCTORS

Washington, To-day.

The Department of State yesterday revealed that the Soviet has approached two American companies for the supply of material, designs and equipment for a modern capital ship armed with 16-inch guns to be assembled in Soviet yards.

The Department states that the companies who received these inquiries approached the Department early in March before Japan refused to subscribe to the 14-inch gun maximum.

The Department objected to the proposed transactions on the grounds that the maximum calibre of guns for battleships was still an international issue, and export of 16-inch

guns from the United States might create a situation inimical to American interests.

It was also feared that a provision in the proposed contract, stipulating that the manufacturer have the armour and guns tested by the United States Navy before delivery, might contravene the United States Government's policy of disassociating itself completely from the promotion of an export trade in munitions.—Reuter.

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When Your Child Asks Awkward Questions BE FRANK IN YOUR REPLIES

NONE of us, however glib, is always prepared to say just the right thing when our children ask us point blank questions about the "facts of life."

Fortunately for the modern parent, conversation about the coming of babies is so frank and nonchalant that most of us have lost our self-consciousness about the subject.

But there are still plenty of questions which tax our knowledge and determination to be "matter-of-fact."

We flounder about endeavouring to treat with courage subjects which our own upbringing has made us feel far too delicate for discussion.

One mother wrote to me last week that she was well aware that she ought to be approaching the subject, but hadn't the faintest idea how to start or what to say. The chances are great that when her child approached the subject herself, with the naive curiosity of four or five years, the mother evaded the question because "That little thing—what would she understand?"

DON'T BE EMBARRASSED

Yet the child's inquisitiveness is indicative enough that the time is ripe for some explanation, whatever her age. It is never in some far-off day that it will be easier, the time is right when the question is asked.

While no one can put exact words into a parent's mouth or do more than warn her not to appear embarrassed or upset by the questions, it is true that the simplest general rule to follow is to answer the question truthfully. Remember the truth is never shameful. It is only what we ourselves make of it that gives it an aura of illicit discourse.

We need not tell a child all we know at any time. The child could not absorb it. But endeavour to answer each question and be ready to repeat the same answer no matter how often the same question is asked.

Bit by bit, and without embarrassment, the child will build up the knowledge that will become explicable as experience clarifies it.

YEAR'S ADVANCE The Amsterdam-Batavia Air Service

The results obtained with the K.L.M. service Amsterdam-Batavia in 1936 once more show the great possibilities offered by air transport between Europe and the Far East. Notwithstanding the large capacity of the Douglas aeroplanes, 60 per cent of the passages applied for had to be refused.

This was the case not only with the K.L.M., but also with the other companies which operate air services between Europe and the Far East, and can therefore be considered as a guarantee for the future success of this intercontinental air route. Consequently the K.L.M. looks forward with confidence to next summer when the Amsterdam-Batavia route will be flown with larger planes still.

Another point to be noticed from 1936 is that there is no longer any question of seasonal variations of traffic. Up till 1936 the amount of passages booked always decreased in the winter months, but in 1936 that remained the same all the year round. This is even accentuated by the first months of 1937 which gave a further increase (in January seven of the nine outgoing planes were fully booked up).

The following figures give a concrete idea of the enormous development of the air line to Batavia. Airmail increased in 1936 by 23.9 per cent over 1935, parcel post increased by 47.3 per cent, and freight by 61.8 per cent, while the passenger kilometres sold increased by 68.3 per cent, and the percentage of seats sold was 81.3 per cent.

The great hopes entertained for the financial results of the service in 1936 have been considerably surpassed largely on account of the Douglas DC2 being used the whole year.

In 1936 105 return flights between Amsterdam and Bandoeng were performed to schedule; 85 per cent of the outgoing and 80 per cent of the return planes were exactly on time. These very favourable figures are even more remarkable when taking into consideration the bad weather conditions for the year as a whole.

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ATLANTIC AIR ROUTE PREPARATIONS

LESSONS OF REMARKABLE NONSTOP LONDON-EGYPT FLIGHTS

The flying-boats 'Cambria' and 'Caledonia' data obtained during recent test flights preparing for the Atlantic service.

'Caledonia', the Imperial Airways long-range flying-boat which recently flew non-stop from Southampton to Alexandria, returned from Alexandria to Southampton, flying the 2,300 miles without alighting in 15 hours.

These two flights by 'Caledonia', and the tests carried out recently with her sister-craft, 'Cambria', have provided valuable technical and operating data, paving the way for further trials now impending with a view to the operation of a North Atlantic air service.

During 'Caledonia's' flights to and from Alexandria, and also during recent flights by 'Cambria', exhaustive tests were made in regard to wireless communication between flying-boats and ground-stations. The wireless installations in the flying-boats embody all the experience gained in airway wireless since its pioneer days, the equipment being considered the most modern and efficient ever constructed for use in aircraft.

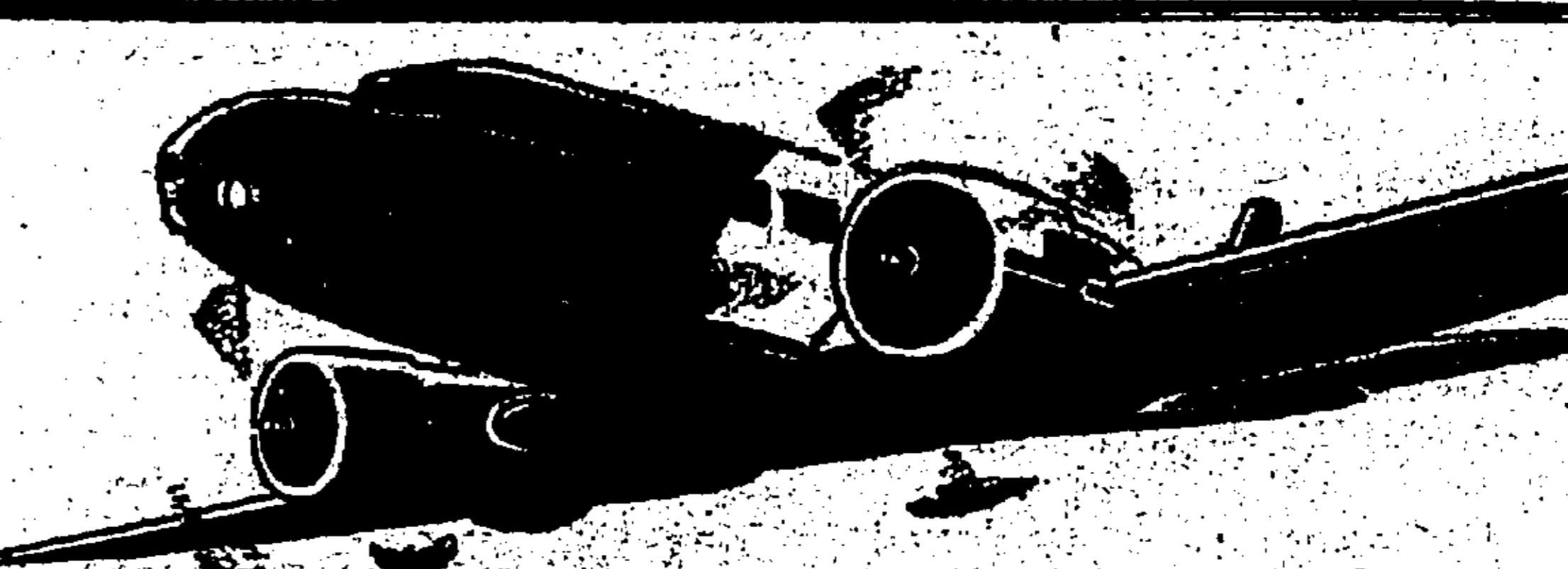
During 'Caledonia's' flights to and from Alexandria, and during 'Cambria's' test round Britain, and also during 'Cambria's' trials from the Shannon base, the flying-boats were

in constant communication with ground stations.

Tests have also been made in the transmission of wireless weather reports to the flying-boats while in the air. During 'Caledonia's' recent flight from Alexandria, for example, weather conditions became difficult over France. Information as to these conditions was flashed to the air-liner some time before she actually reached the bad-weather zone, thus giving her Captain ample warning of what lay ahead and enabling him to make any course adjustments he might consider necessary.

The organisation now being created will, when test flights are made across the Atlantic, enable ground-stations to keep in regular wireless touch with the flying-boats, even when aircraft are out above mid-ocean.

Exhaustive studies are being made of North Atlantic weather from a flying point of view. From information available from day to day special weather maps are being worked out. Then from such maps courses are plotted, just as though actual flights were about to be scheduled. From this test-work it is possible, among other things, to estimate the best heights at which to fly in view of prevailing wind conditions.



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RESERVES CONVERTED INTO SHARE BONUS OPTIMISTIC REVIEW OF AFFAIRS BY CHAIRMAN

A SHARE BONUS OF £2 PER SHARE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTORS AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE HON. MR. M. T. JOHNSON PRESIDING:

The Chairman said:—In the past our Annual Meetings have been held towards the end of May in each year. This was due chiefly to the late receipt in Head Office of Returns from distant Branches. Now, however, by altering the period for which certain business is included in the year's working and by taking advantage of the more rapid mail facilities that are available, your Directors are able to submit their Annual Report to you some six weeks earlier.

To accomplish the change certain adjustments in our figures for this year have been necessary. The account chiefly affected is the Fire Account a section of which shows the result of nine months working only. It is therefore not possible to make a comparison of the figures in this Account with those of previous years.

A special Reserve for unexpired Fire risks has been set up to meet the situation created by the change and the position will be automatically adjusted next year when a full 12 months' business will be shown.

A further change is proposed in the Resolution that will come before you in a few minutes to reduce the amount of the uncalled liability on our Shares by increasing their paid-up value.

SURPLUS ASSETS

The surplus of the Society's Assets over Liabilities provides ample security to all Policyholders, consequently a portion of the Profit & Loss Account balance can very properly be utilised to reduce the existing Share liability. This proposal follows the decision of your Directors to adopt a policy of reducing the Unpaid Share Capital by stages until the liability is eliminated. I feel sure this will meet with your approval.

Turning to the Underwriting activities of the past year, it is with considerable satisfaction that I am able to report improved results in both Marine and Fire business. The published Report which is in your hands sets out the results of each Department separately and I do not propose to refer to the figures in detail. I will merely mention that the net Underwriting Profit transferred to Profit & Loss Account amounts to £97,760.45 which represents a substantial improvement over last year's working. I am glad to tell you that the improved results are a reflection of our experience in practically every field.

LONDON BUSINESS

In London very substantial business has been maintained and in spite of many difficulties and the keenest competition it continues to show satisfactory results—a tribute to our Underwriter there and the Staff generally.

In Canada, Australia and New Zealand, we have been equally fortunate. Increased prices for agricultural products and increased trading have helped in this respect, but these factors have had to be supplemented by hard work and skilled guidance.

In the United States also we have had a satisfactory experience and our thanks are due to our Managers and Agents there for the care they have given our business.

Our Far Eastern business has also shown satisfactory results. In all these fields individual problems exist, but the factor of keen competition is common to them all and my appreciation of the work done by our Managers and Staff is expressed because during a period of difficulty and intense competition they have proved their ability to maintain the Society's business intact and in many instances to increase it. For this they deserve our congratulations and thanks.

MARINE MARKET

In the marine market there has probably been a smaller drop in cargo rates than in former years and I think they must have reached bottom. They are however at a level at which it is

difficult to leave a profit sufficiently large to take care of the major casualties which must be provided for, and which in recent months have risen to a disturbing volume.

The acquisition of profit from Hull business continues to be difficult at present rates and the difficulty has been increased by fluctuations in values and by substantial increases in the cost of repairs.

Marine casualties during 1936 increased in comparison with 1935. The Returns of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association quote the figures for November last and for the same month in the three preceding years. They show that total losses have steadily increased in number from 9 in 1933 to 15 in 1936, and that partial losses have risen from 512 in 1933 to 661 in 1936. Some of this increase was due to heavier sea traffic, but abnormal weather conditions were responsible for a considerable amount of damage. War and Strike Risks have produced a small additional income. This income however, is not altogether a desirable addition and chance often plays a great part in the results gained from it. The losses in European Waters from floating mines, and by capture, which have arisen in recent months demonstrate the War risk run.

Apart from such direct losses situations arising out of War and Strikes often contribute indirectly to other losses.

An instance is a recent case in which the Society was interested. Cargo destined for San Francisco was on-carried to Vancouver because of Strike conditions at the former Port.

The intention was to forward the cargo by rail from Vancouver to San Francisco, but the Strike was called off before the cargo was discharged at Vancouver, and it was decided that it should be carried back to San Francisco by the same vessel. En route the vessel was totally lost in collision with heavy loss to Underwriters.

WAR RISKS

Towards the end of the year Underwriters in most parts of the world gave serious consideration to the subject of War Risks, and steps are now being taken to reduce this liability on land. It has been very clearly demonstrated that modern methods of warfare make insurance of War risk on shore one which should not be undertaken by private enterprise.

The general experience in Fire business in important centres throughout the world was that while the low loss ratio of the previous year was not entirely maintained Underwriting results were reasonably satisfactory, and this was our own experience.

The income shown in the Fire Revenue Account before you is considerably less than was the case last year, the reason being the inclusion to which I have previously referred, of but 9 months working, instead of the customary 12 months. If studied in the light of this information you will see that the Premium income and balance carried to Profit and Loss are quite satisfactory.

It is regrettable that again there is a loss in the Accident and General Business. The endeavours made during last year to correct unsatisfactory features of this Account have not been as effective as we had hoped, but an improvement is apparent and I am in hopes that the current year will show some reward for our labours.

ACCOUNTS GOOD

Viewed as a whole the Revenue Accounts are good and call for specific comment only in respect to the additional Balances and Reserves that appear in each of the Marine, Fire and Accident Accounts. As is explained in the footnote, these additions are necessary in consequence of our taking into the Accounts the percentage of such Balances and Reserves

Employers' Breach Of Promise

Dublin, To-day.

A deadlock has occurred in the building strike here, due to the employers' withdrawal of the promise to grant an increase of a penny an hour in wages, breaking off negotiations.

The employers now insist that the men return to work before the negotiations are resumed.—Reuter.

previously credited to Minority Shareholders in our Subsidiary Companies.

During the past year we purchased additional Shares in these Companies and the amounts previously credited to others now become a credit to the Society.

The Premium Income was more than maintained in comparison with the previous year and the Marine and Fire balances carried to Profit and Loss are substantial. There is an unfavourable feature in that there is a further decrease in the income from interest and Dividends. This decrease was due chiefly to Exchange fluctuations and reductions in rents. The first mentioned is a factor beyond our control, and the position in regard to the second is already showing improvement in one important area and we are hopeful that this will be continued.

GENERAL MANAGER'S TOUR

The General Manager is proceeding on leave next week and will return in November. While away he will visit our Branches in Australia, Canada and the United States, and I feel confident great benefit will accrue to the Society from the meetings he will have with our representatives and friends in the countries he visits. During his absence Mr. G. S. Archibald will act in his stead. Most of you are acquainted with Mr. Archibald, so you know our interests will be in capable hands.

I have endeavoured to give you information upon all matters of importance and interest that have surrounded our business during the past twelve months. I trust you will agree with me that the position disclosed is a satisfactory one and will share my feeling that we can look with confidence to the future.

With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented.

ROUNDING CORNER

Mr. J. A. Plummer, seconding, said:—It would seem at last we may be rounding the corner of a long period of depression and can look forward with some confidence towards better times.

It is particularly satisfactory to learn that improvement is reflected throughout practically every field of the Society's activity which seems to indicate a general economic recovery.

We note with satisfaction the explanations you, Sir, have given us in reference to the Fire Accounts and I am sure we all appreciate the earlier date at which this Meeting is held, enabling us as it does to receive our Dividends some 6 weeks earlier.

Prince Bernhard's Mother Ill

Amsterdam, To-day. Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard are leaving the Netherlands to-day for Germany, where they will visit the Prince's mother, who is lying ill at Reckenswalde Castle in Eastern Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

than usual. I think I can also say that the payment last year of an interim dividend is also much appreciated by Shareholders.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CAPITAL BONUS

Following amendments submitted by Mr. A. Morse, seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson and approved, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of £270,000 being part of the unallocated reserves of the Society and for that purpose:

A. That a call of £2 per share be and is hereby made on the Shareholders of the Society as appearing on the Register of Members on the 16th day of April 1937 and that such call shall be payable on the 10th day of May 1937 to the Society at its registered office, Union Building, Victoria, Hong Kong.

B. That for the purpose of paying the aforesaid call of £2 per share a capital bonus of £2 per share be and is hereby declared payable on the 10th day of May 1937 and that such capital bonus be applied by the Directors on behalf of the persons who on the 16th day of April 1937 were the holders of such shares in satisfaction of the said call of £2 per share in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Society and that such capital bonus shall accordingly be treated for all purposes as an increase in the amount of the paid up capital of the Society held by each such shareholder and not as income."

OTHER BUSINESS

Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson was re-elected Director on the proposition of Mr. James Ormiston seconded by Mr. W. B. Finnigan.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected Auditors at a remuneration of H.K. \$3,000 each on the proposition of Mr. J. H. R. Hance seconded by Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield.

Present were: Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson (Chairman), G. Miskin, T. A. Mitchell, K. S. Morrison, R. K. Valentine (Directors), Hon. Mr. A. W. Hughes (General Manager) and the following Shareholders:—G. S. Archibald, J. H. M. Andrew, John Bentley, T. H. G. Brayfield, J. D. Danby, R. A. Dastur, W. B. Finnigan, John Fleming, Leigh Garner, J. H. R. Hance, Harry Owen Hughes, H. S. Lee, Lo Chung-wan, W. R. Mansfield, S. Mason, A. Morse, J. Ormiston, L. A. Osmond, John A. Plummer, L. P. Ralph, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, F. W. Stapleton, A. Stevenson, H. Summers, Sun Pak-ming, M. H. Turner, R. L. D. Wodehouse.

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NEW LIGHT ON THE VIRUS

Far smaller than the smallest microbe, of an order of size not much greater than two or three times the largest molecule, that is to say about a millionth of an inch across, is the virus. Though invisible even under the most powerful microscope it is known to be the active agent of infection in a hundred diseases, many of them well known, in plants and animals. Is it a creature? Does it live? The question has occupied enquiring minds for 45 years, that is, since its discovery. It is always associated with living matter. It propagates and multiplies itself but only in the presence of the living cells of plants and animals that are susceptible to the particular disease which it causes. Thus the virus of the tobacco mosaic disease could not propagate in the animal body, nor that of a human disease such as the common cold in any but the few animals that are also susceptible to that particular human illness. The virus has actually been shown like all living organisms to have the power to mutate, that is to give rise to new forms of itself, with slightly different properties, which reproduce themselves.

It has therefore been supposed to be a living creature; or at least one of the stages to living matter on the road from the non-living — a no longer missing link between the non-living organic compound and true life; for it was supposed to be a body having most of the properties of animate creation and yet inferior, not merely in size but as far as has been detected in organisation, to all living things. Since 1935 Dr. W. M. Stanley has suspected that the virus was not a living object but a chemical substance, one of the proteins, a class of substances of which animal and vegetable bodies partly consist. Such a protein he actually succeeded in extracting and isolating in a pure crystalline state. Since that time he has proceeded with a series of ingenious experiments which he now shows to have yielded interesting results.

At the meeting this year of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, one of those large scale gatherings beloved of the New World, when 4,000 scientists presented 1,500 addresses and papers, the Association prize was awarded to Dr. Stanley for his paper. Dr. Stanley presented strong evidence

that the virus which produces mosaic disease in tobacco plants was a non-living crystalline protein substance. He showed that his crystalline protein behaved exactly like the supposed living virus and left little doubt that the two are identical. A disease virus may be extracted from a diseased plant in the form of a fluid which, injected into a healthy plant, will produce the disease specific to the particular virus. A solution of Dr. Stanley's substance, diluted an astonishing number of times and applied to the leaf of a tobacco plant, not only produces the disease, but the virus protein increases until it makes up the greater part of all the protein in the plant.

Every possible test biological, chemical, electrical, and optical has been applied to the new crystalline protein to identify it or not with the natural virus contained in the juice from a diseased plant and it has emerged equal in all respects. Virus infection henceforth cannot be regarded as the effect of the transit of a living parasite from one host to another but must, it seems, be counted as the effect of a chemical agent. The theoretical interest of the discovery is very great for the study of the evolution of living matter. It has been suggested that the giant molecule of the virus, for it far exceeds in size that of any other molecule known, represents a link between the type of organisation within the non-living molecule and that within the living cell. Whether this be so or not it is certain that the discovery will greatly benefit the study of the numerous virus diseases to which plants, animals and men are heirs.

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A "Vulgar Currency"

There is something rather magnificent, a real flavour of the dreaming spires and last enchantments of the Middle Ages, about the reported assurance from Oxford's senior retiring proctor that the "increasing traffic of senior members of the university with the vulgar currency of politics" will enter into the scheme of things only when that debased coinage has departed from the gold standard of High Toryism as construed in the distant days when there was none of this modern watering down of its erect and sacred principles.

Or does any aspect of politics at all involve a horrid lowering of the learned mind to the "vulgar currency" which passes to and fro among the unenlightened at Westminster? Were Sir Austen Chamberlain's ideas and ideals an example of that "vulgar currency," and did the tributes in the House of Commons represent a similar departure from the higher life?

At any rate, it may be agreed that "the vulgar currency of politics" is a really majestic phrase in the setting where it was used and one that deserves to be long remembered even by those who cannot live up to such an austere standard of scholarly detachment.

Death-Raining Skies Of Torn Madrid

Here is a picture of Madrid under fire—of the terror, death and destruction that for weeks have tested the morale of the people of the city.

By HERBERT L. MATTHEWS

THERE are six-storey houses in the Rosales district, on the western edge of Madrid, where 100-kilo bombs have ploughed right through and into the ground, exposing parts of rooms on each floor. It is like a strange and horrible stage scene where the fourth wall is non-existent so that the characters can present a tragedy before an unseen audience. If one were to cut down like that through life in Madrid under the siege, what could be seen?

The nonchalance of these people is staggering to behold. One would think that all their lives they had lived amid the booming of cannons, the explosions of shells and the rending crashes of aerial bombs. They seem to possess a sense that is almost animal-like in its egoism. There is surely no people in the world who circumscribe their lives so tightly as the Spaniards. Their individualism has something primitive about it. You have to go back through the historic stages of society, through nations, city-States and even tribes, to the dawn of social life, when only the family mattered. To touch a Spaniard to the quick you have to strike at him personally, at his family and his private possessions.

Walk up the Alcala some afternoon when the Gran Via, just to your right, is being heavily shelled, as it often has been in the past three months. You would look in vain on the faces of the people strolling up and down for any appreciation of the fact that death and havoc are within 100 yards or so of them. The crash of a shell might induce the men to interrupt their conversation for a passing comment. The women go on with their shopping, the children with their play. What is there to get excited about? The shelling is 100 yards away!

There is a building in town that has been shelled many times. Usually the shelling has taken place between 4 and 5 in the afternoon. The pavement is the most dangerous spot in town. Those of us newspaper men who have to pass it four or five times a day do so at a walk that is a half a run, and we breathe a sigh of relief as we duck around the corner. Yet how often in our haste do we pass children spinning tops on that very sidewalk, while their mothers look on complacently!

During a bombardment militia-men work like Trojans in their efforts to stop people from crossing in front of the building—but quite unsuccessfully. One would expect that passers-by, who could take any number of side streets, would give the spot a wide berth. Not the Madrilenes! A shell bursts and the street is cleared as if by magic; a minute later people are bustling by again, pointing excitedly at the damage which the last shell has done.

The imagination which could substitute for fear and prudence is lacking. The Spaniard is a realist: he is alive, strong, well. These are facts, palpable facts. The conception of himself blown to bits is a figment of the imagination. And so he polifely walks on.

Winter is nasty in Madrid. There are sudden shifts in temperature and the cold is peculiarly penetrating, particularly that proverbial wind from the Guadarramas which will kill a man but will not extinguish a candle. This year there has been an unusual amount of rain and fog. Coal is scarce. The railroads into Madrid have been cut for nearly three months. Truck trains must concentrate on bringing only the necessities of life and war materials.

There are ways of keeping warm without steam heat or blazing fireplaces, but you cannot cook food without something to heat your stove. And so there is an incessant search for wood—any kind of wood.

A bomb landed in a square off the Castellana a few weeks ago. Several people were killed and a half-dozen wounded. From the Telefonica, a few of us had spotted the location and we rushed down there to see what had happened. Ambulances were just taking away the dead and wounded. A man with a hastily bandaged head was being led off by some friends. But it was not that which caught our astonished attention. A tree had been blown down by the explosion and at least ten people were hacking furiously away at the trunk and branches. In a quarter of an hour nothing was left but a short stump where the trunk had broken off, and a boy was chopping at it diligently, as close to the ground as he could get, so that none of that precious fuel would be lost.

In Rosales, in Arguelles, in Tetuan—the districts of Madrid that have been most heavily bombed—it is a common sight to see men, women and children foraging among the ruins of houses for parts of beams, pieces of flooring, broken furniture—anything so long as it is wood and will burn. At a time when Rosales was a death trap the authorities tried to discourage the practice by forcing people to give up the wood they collected, but others came and it was hopeless.

The shells were hitting at about three-minute intervals, but the opportunity was too precious. They lingered a few seconds longer than they should have, for as they hustled back across the street the next shell crashed into the building, sending down a shower of stones and glass. Somehow they escaped.

In the restaurant, where I eat lunch nearly every day, Sebastian, the head-waiter, invariably presents a complicated menu with due snarliness and seriousness. One's eye passes sadly across the long lists of fish, meat, fowl, cheeses, desserts, and finally, having reached the end of the printed part, alights on a few miserable lines written in ink. "What will you have to-day?" asks Sebastian, no doubt from force of habit. As if there were a choice! All that the menu offers is rice cooked in rancid olive oil, a thin slice of beef, breaded and fried in the same oil, and oranges—just that and nothing more, day after day, week after week. And Sebastian runs the best restaurant in town!

That is very natural, of course. Wartime, anywhere, is a time for tightening the belt—above all in a city under siege. No one is starving here, and no one is going to starve, but these are lean days, and Madrid is a hungry city. That is why, when newcomers first arrive in the capital, the feature of daily

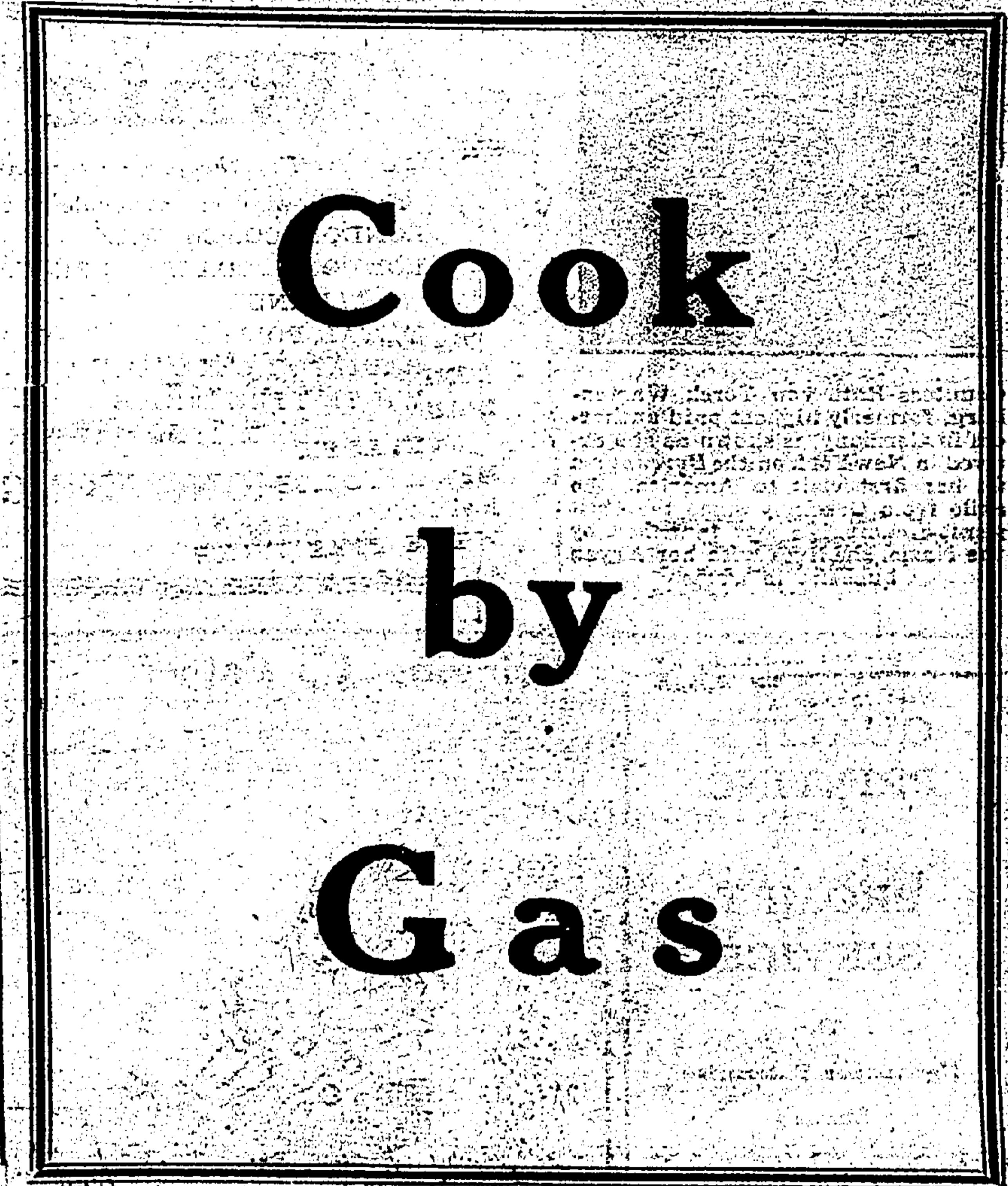
life which strikes them above all wrong if it had not been for the food queue. Queues are blood on the street, which caught everywhere; you cannot walk three my attention and set me to asking blocks in any part of town during questions. They talked excitedly, the morning without seeing long bitterly, but obviously the idea of lines of women. Sometimes it is to giving up their places in line or buy a few pounds of dried olive foregoing their purchase never occurs to use as fuel; sometimes it cured to any of them.

Suppose some autocratic power were to say to the inhabitants of Hong Kong: "To-night, and every night hereafter for weeks and months, the city must remain in total darkness. None of you may leave your homes after 10 o'clock. No restaurants may be open for dinner—no movies, no theatres, no cabarets, no bars. Your houses and apartments must not show a gleam of light. Although it is Winter, they will not be heated. And sleep if you can, for outside you will hear the boom of cannon all night, and perhaps the roar of enemy planes carrying death and destruction to you and your loved ones."

"Inconceivable!" the reader will say. But that is exactly what has happened to Madrid.

There are no gay white ways in Madrid under the siege. The Gran Via, where fashionable crowds were wont to stroll at night while stores and cafes, restaurants and theatres blazed with light, now dies an unnatural death when night falls. By still there afterward. In Tetuan a few weeks ago an Insurgent pursuit plane swooped down low over a main street where there was a long queue of women before a grocer's shop. At a cruelly precise moment the machine gunner let go full blast straight into the petrified group of housekeepers. Some twelve or fourteen were killed or wounded.

I arrived on the scene about twenty minutes later. The bodies run of the city at night, who get had been taken away to the morgue, the password and have all the documents necessary, go out no offender then the line had re-formed! I than is absolutely necessary which should never have noticed anything is, perhaps, a few times a week.





Virginia Sprong
In keeping with her selection as desert wildflower queen, pretty Virginia Sprong of Phoenix, Ariz., wears a suit made up of blooms characteristic of the desert.



Countess Ruth von Yorck-Wartenburg, formerly highest paid actress in Germany, is shown as she arrived in New York on the *Berengaria* on her first visit to America. An exile from Germany since the anti-Semitic campaign was launched by the Nazis, she lives with her Aryan husband in Paris.

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SIR SAMUEL HOARE ON DANGERS OF NAVAL RACE

London, To-day.

Grave apprehension at the possibility of unrestricted competition and unlimited design in naval construction was expressed by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, at a dinner in London last night.

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Overcoming Japanese Competition

London, To-day.

The annual report of Imperial Chemical Industries, covering the concern's worldwide activities during 1936, states that the export trade was, on the whole, good.

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Conditions in China had improved, partly in sympathy with the general recovery and partly owing to gradual development of political unity.

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"There is no reason why Britain and Japan should not resume the relations that were so satisfactory a feature of former years," he said in the course of his speech.

He was supported in this hope, Sir Samuel said, by the encouraging fact that the unfortunate incident which had recently clouded the atmosphere between Britain and Japan, was now satisfactorily settled. Naval apprehension about naval construction arises chiefly from Japan's refusal to assent to the principle of the 14-inch gun as the maximum calibre for capital ships.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Dr. Agnes Lilius Jenkins Dovey to be a Member of the Nurses Board for a period of three years, with effect from 1st May, 1937, vice Dr. Gwendolyn Ruth Nash, resigned.

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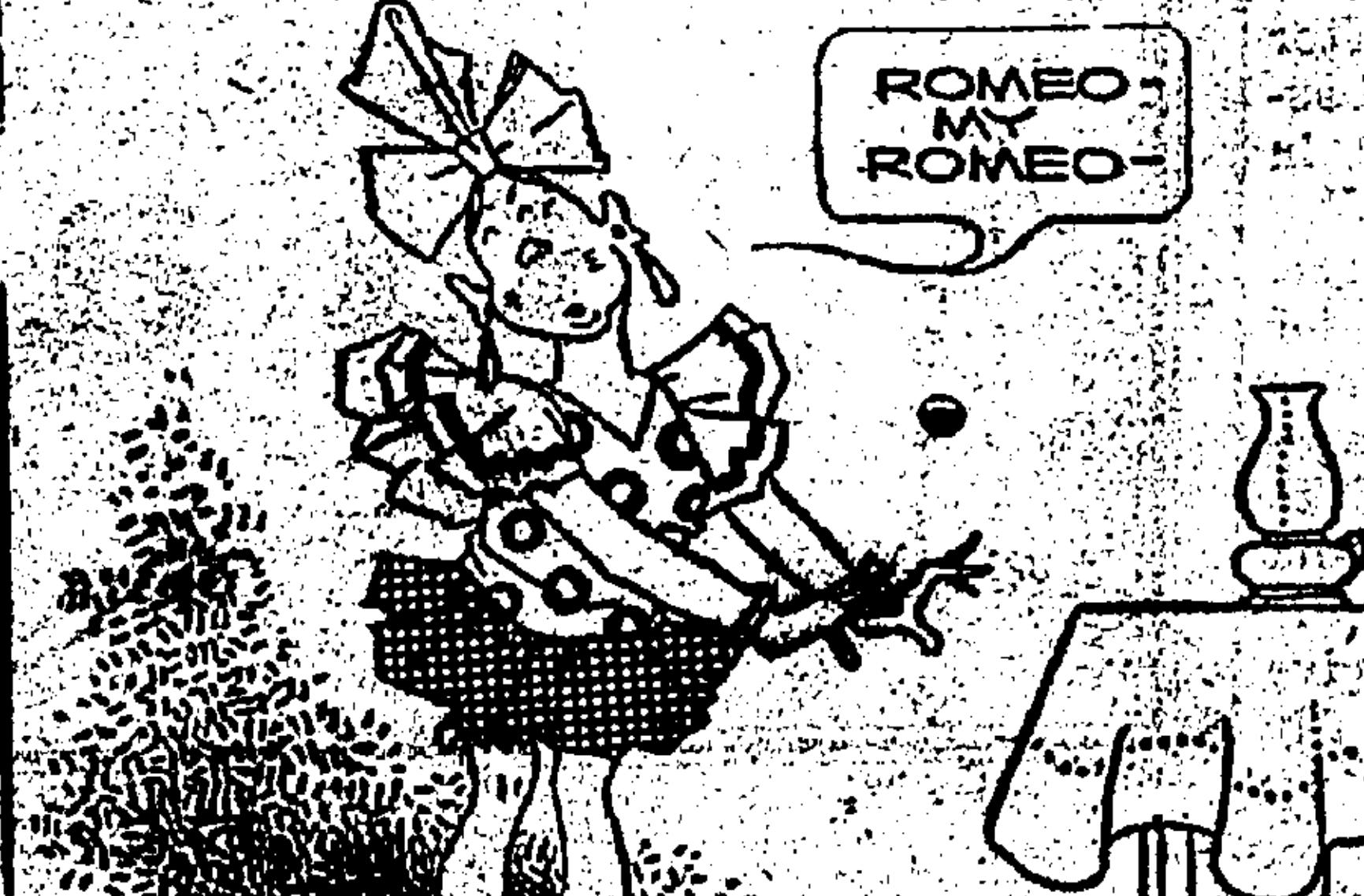
Stubbs Road

Do you remember her? It's none other than Catherine Dale Owens, once well known as a screen star but now married to Mr. Milton Davis, a New York broker.

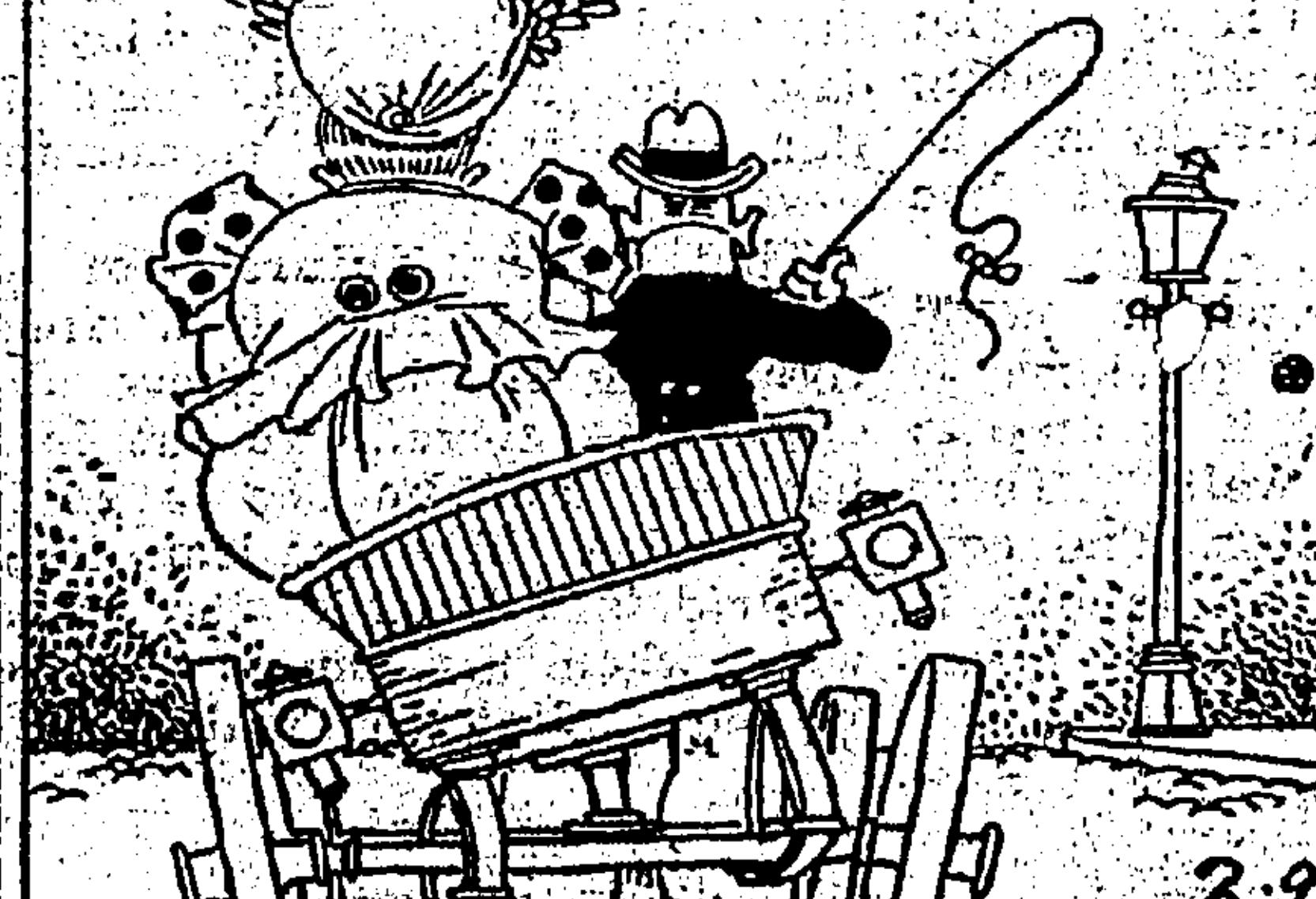
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Bringing Up Father.

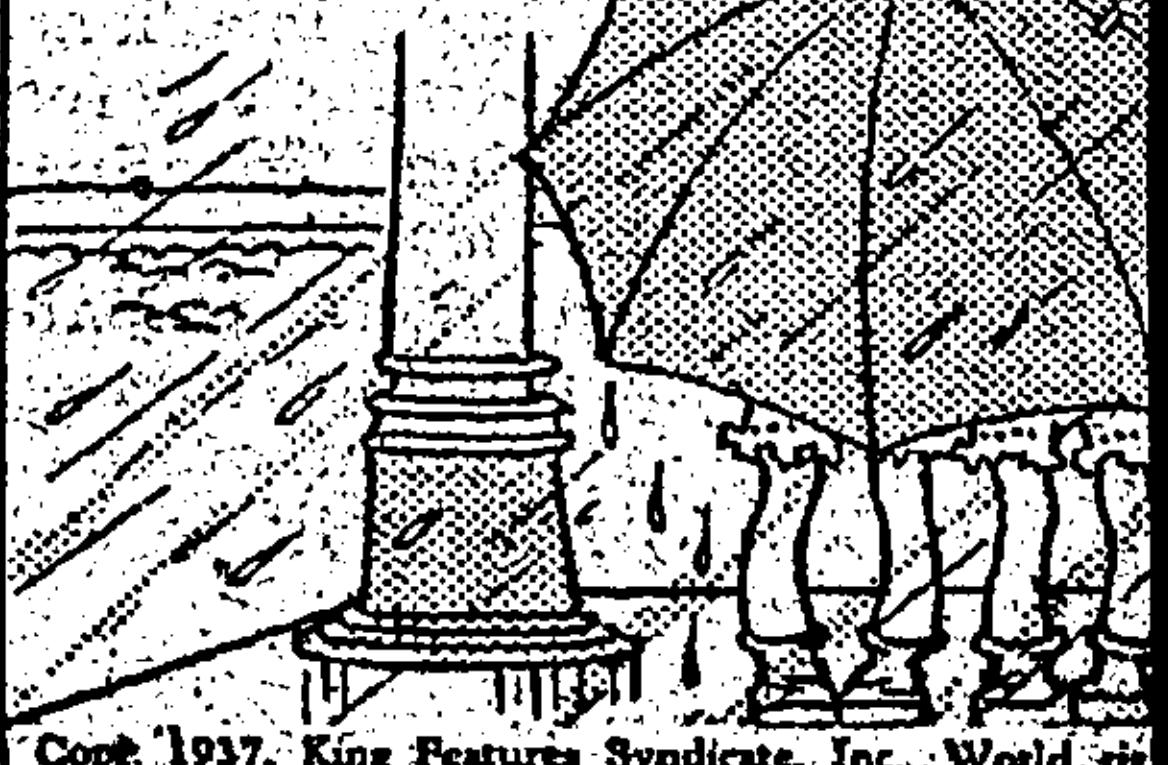
REMEMBER LITTLE HORTENSE HART? SHE WANTED TO GO ON THE STAGE—NO ONE EVER KNEW WHAT BECAME OF HER—AND NOBODY CARES.



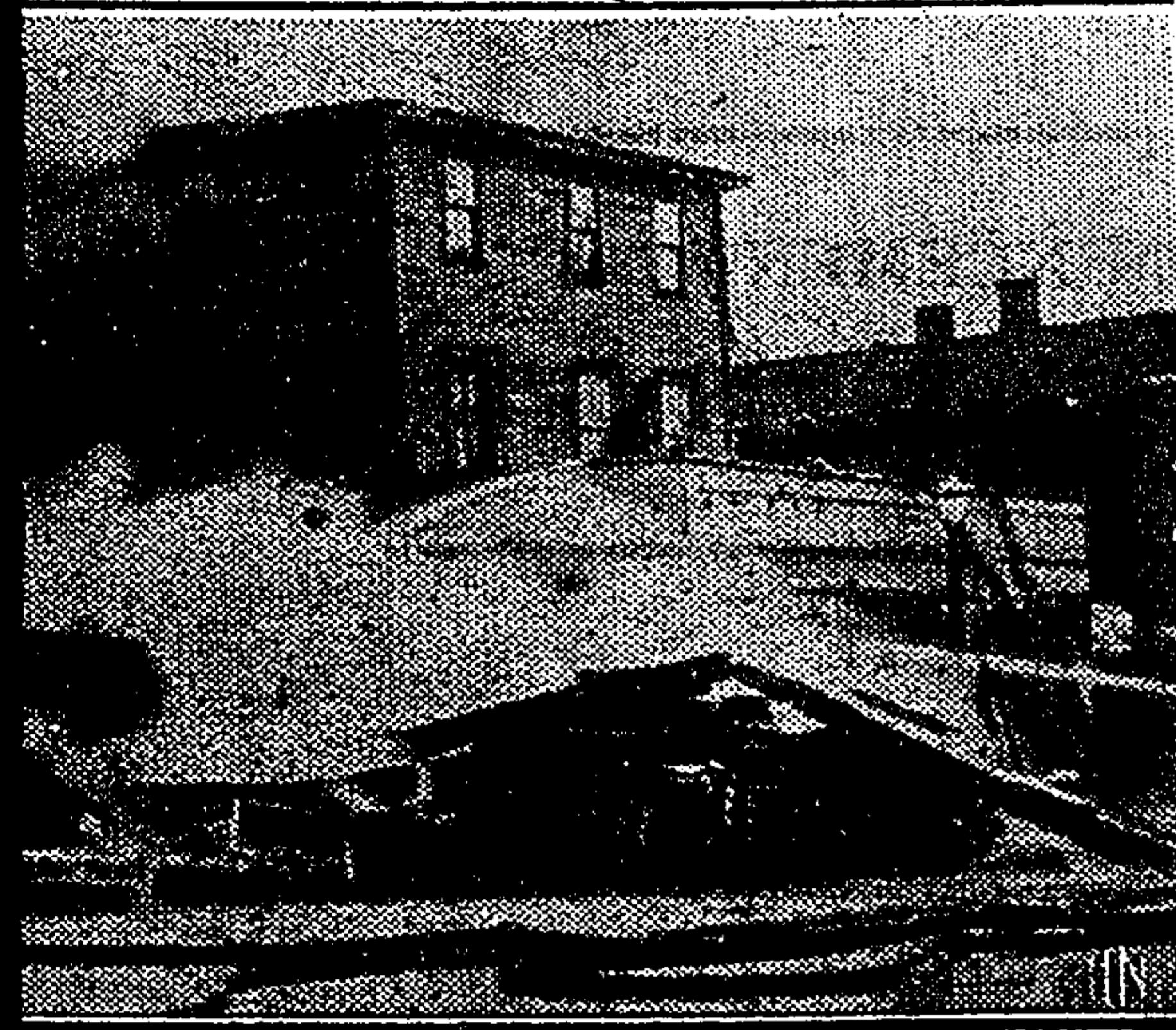
AND THE DAY BILL O'LADEN REGRETTED HE TOOK YOUR AUNT OUT ON A RIDE—SO DID THE HORSE.



AND TH' KOKIE KIDS WOULD GO TO MEET THEIR FATHER ON HIS WAY HOME TO PREVENT HIM FROM GETTING WET ON RAINY DAYS—BUT EVEN ON SUNNY DAYS HE WAS ALL WET.



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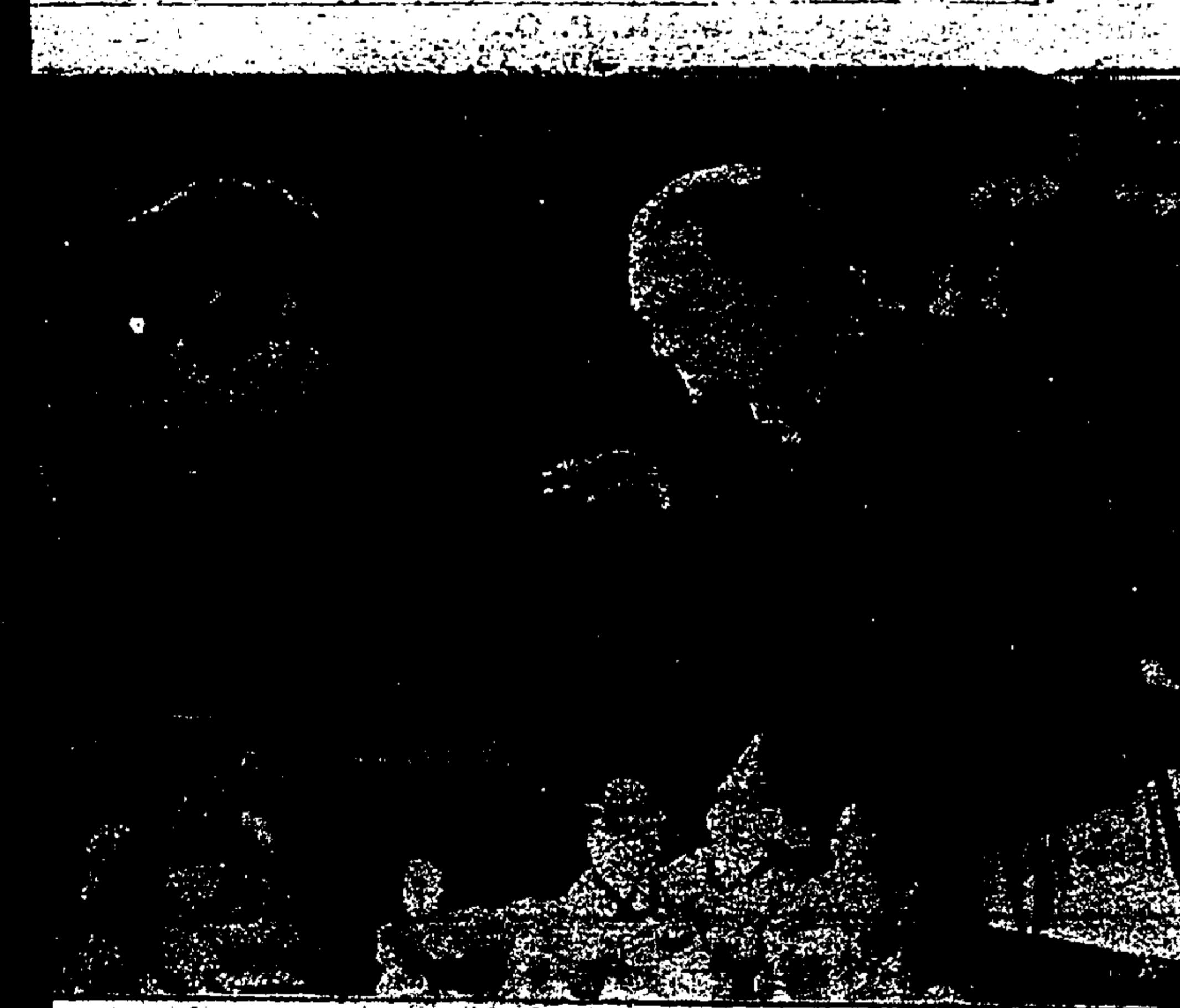


once a luxurious apartment building in New York after were burned to death and three severely injured.



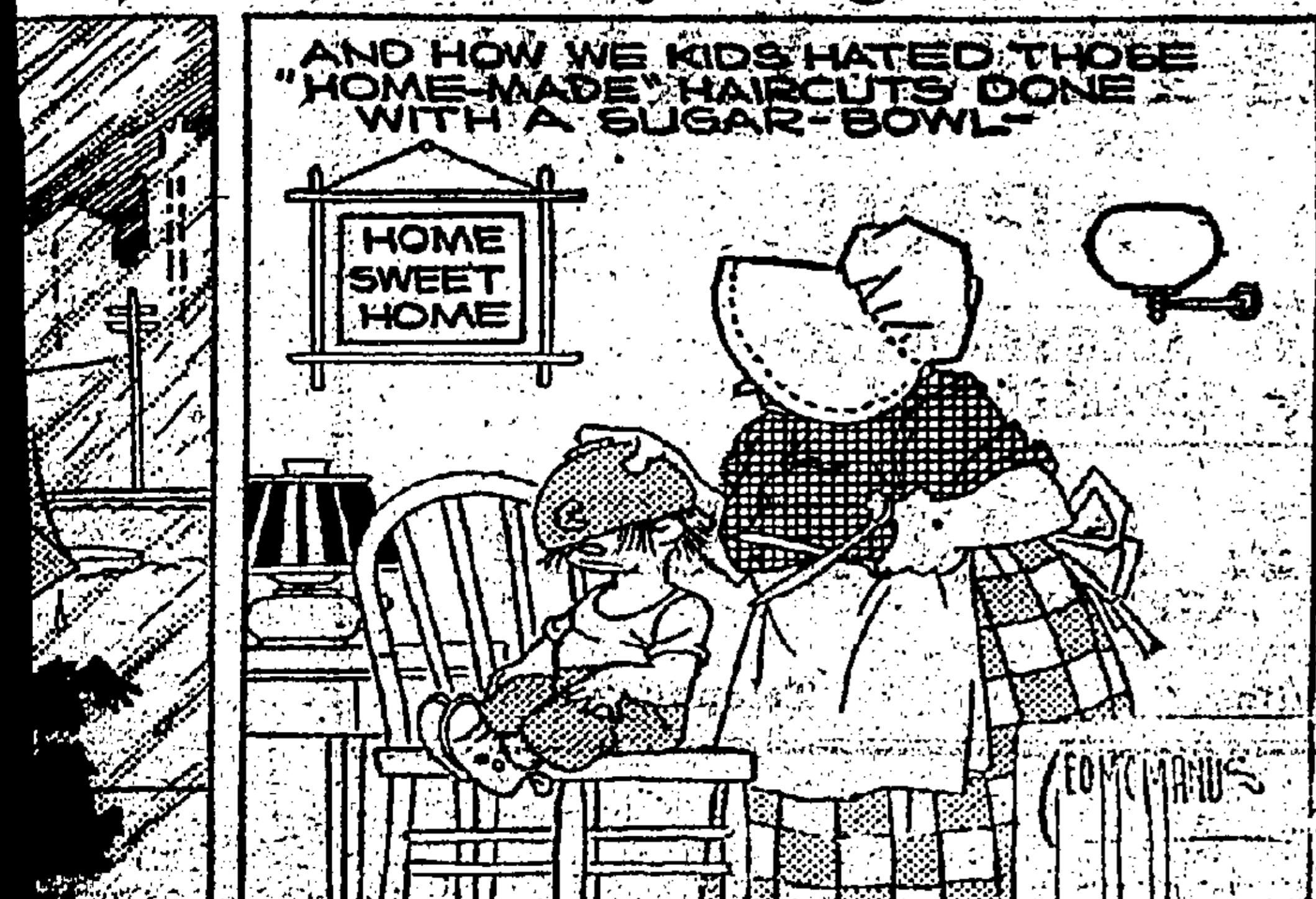
Claudette Colbert as she appears in the name part in "Maid of Salem" with Fred McMurray, which comes to the Queen's and Alhambra next week.

plans to enlarge its navy. Two men who will play important roles (right), the new Vice Commissar for War, and his chief during a recent conference in Moscow.



Barrymore and Rafaela Ottiano in "The Devil Doll," a thriller at the King's Theatre.

By George McManus



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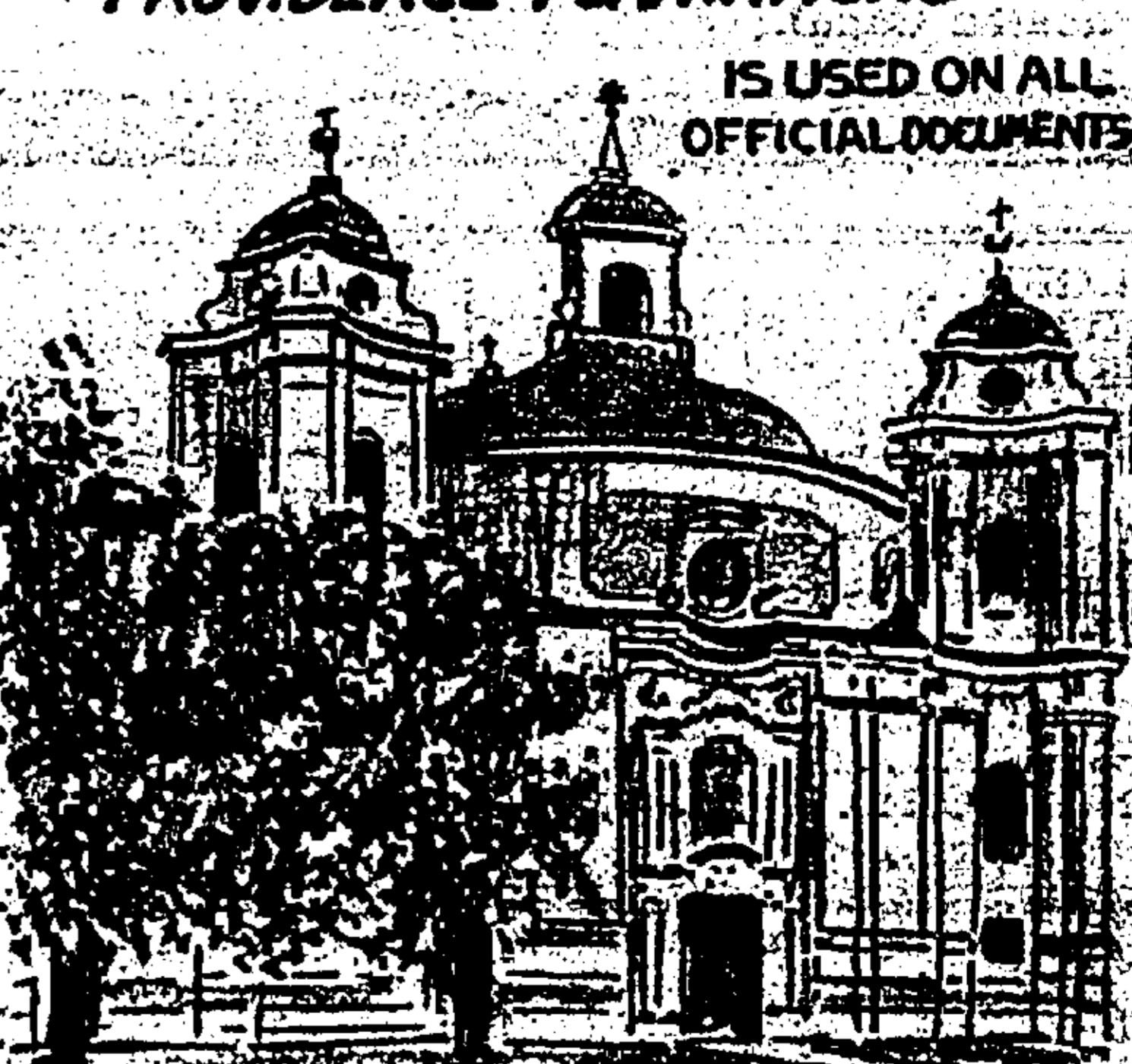
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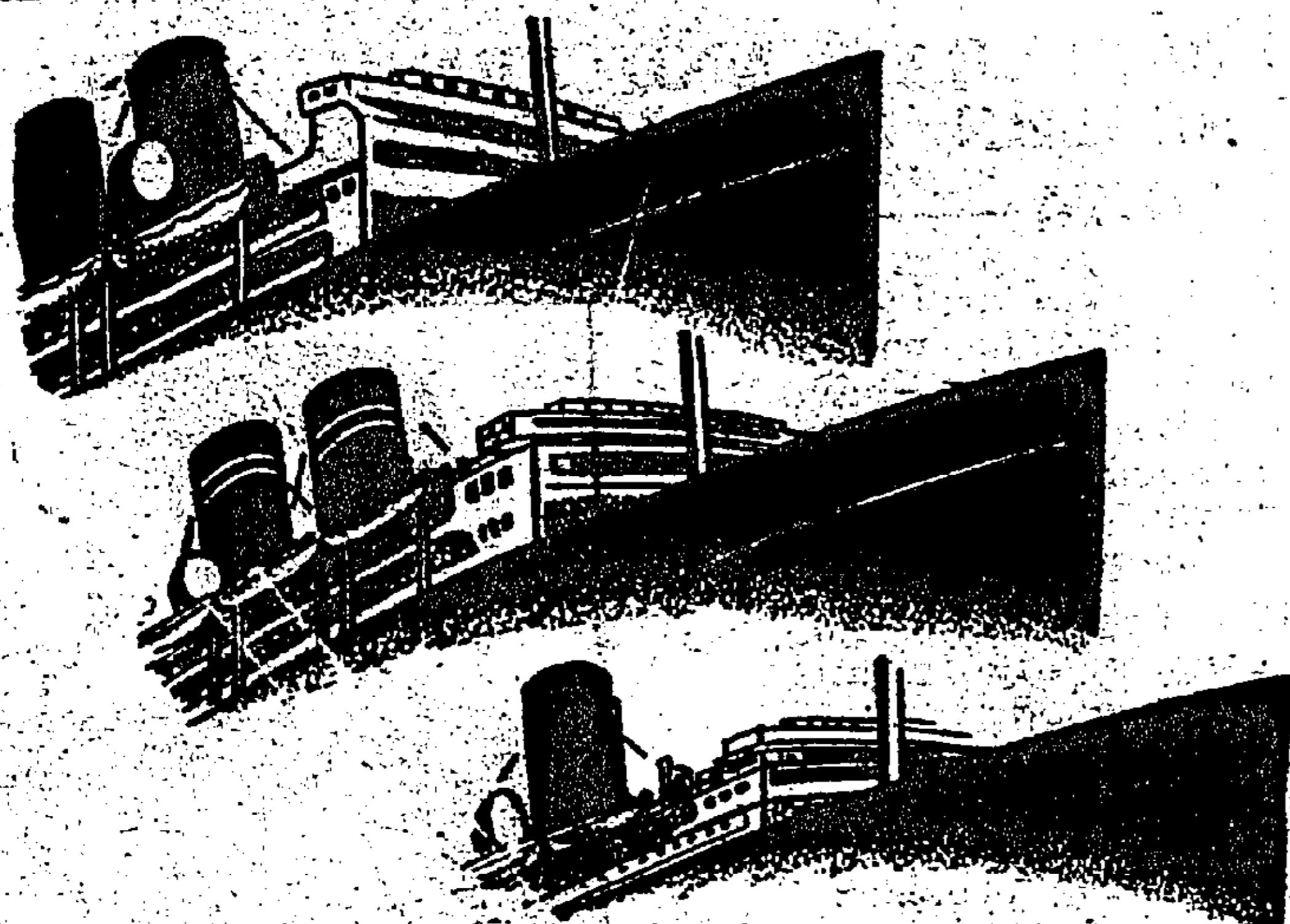
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Amsterdam, 26th April.	Reg. Apr. 17, 9.30 a.m.
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Strait, Ceylon, India, East and "South Africa" Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	G. P. O. and K. P. O.
due Manila, 14th May.	Parcels, Fri. Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Canton and Districts	Letters, Sat. Apr. 17.
C.N.A.C. plane	C.N.A.C. plane Sat. Apr. 17.
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Letters	Letters Apr. 17, 12.30 p.m.
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Saigon	Letters Apr. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Lyaemon	Letters Sat. Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Sunday	Sunday
Foochow via Swatow	Nanchang Mon. Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton-Macau Sun. Apr. 18, 9 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and N. China (via Shanghai).	C.N.A.C. plane Sun. Apr. 18.
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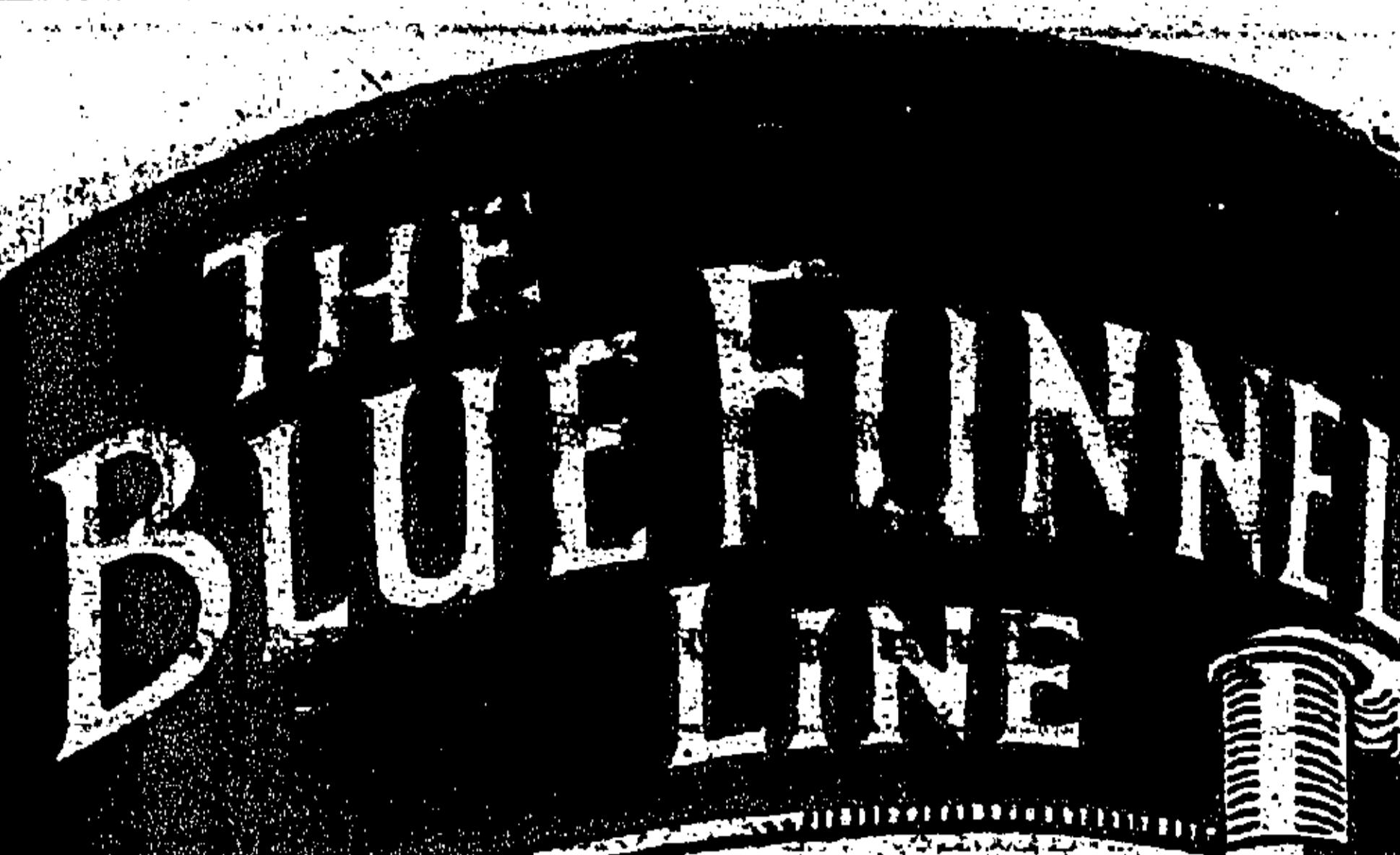


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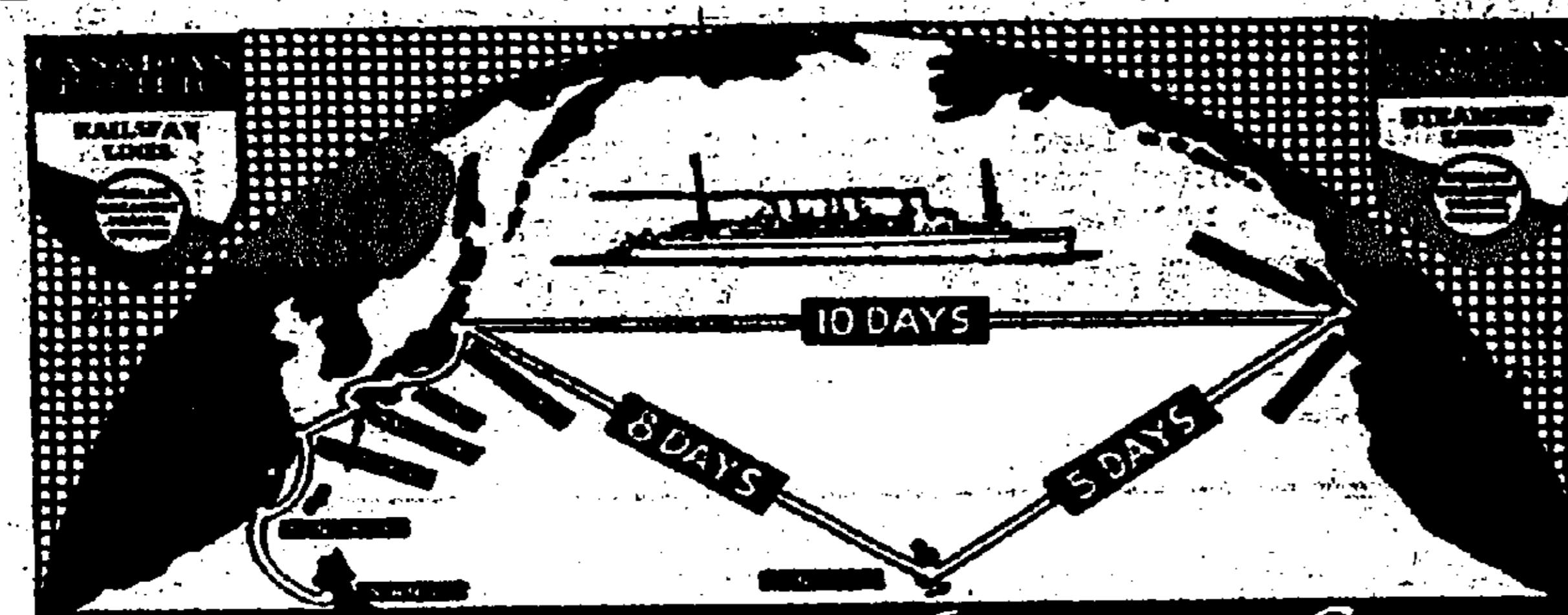
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**THIS WEEK ON
THE LOCAL
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Messrs. G. A. Harriman and Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued at noon to-day states:

Markets the world over have been easy during the past week, and this easiness is attributed to fear of the American gold price being lowered, which fear does not appear to have been entirely allayed by President Roosevelt's statement that such a rumour is entirely in the imagination of the Foreign press. The Manila market has continued its downward slide and our own market has also been somewhat depressed by the prevailing weakness abroad; although on the whole it can be described as remarkably steady in view of the adverse factors elsewhere.

The Colony's trade continues to expand and business in Hong Kong is better to-day than for long past, so that discerning investors should take courage and pick up shares now, at what, at the year's end may look like bargain prices. At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, held on Friday last, the chairman announced that the company is doing well, and this company's business is surely a barometer of local conditions.

Utility shares are a shade lower on the week; Hong Kong Electrics having shaded off to 59½ and China Lights (old) to 14.30, Telephones (old) have eased to 29½ and the New are just 12½. Trams rose to 15.10 but are now 14.80. Star Ferries have sellers @ 86½, with no indicated buyers. There are still buying enquiries for Peak Trams (old) @ 4½ and for Sandakan Lights @ \$12.

Cements keep very steady, and although slightly under last week's quotation, have good buyers @ \$15.30. Ropes declined to sales @ \$5.25. Dairy Farms are wanted @ \$25.00 after sales under, thla and Watsons offer @ \$5% cum. Sinceres are quiet, either side of \$3.00.

Ewos are lower around Sh. \$16.30. Hotels, the chairman's optimistic speech notwithstanding, have subsequently dropped to \$7.20 ex-dividend. Lands are down to \$35½, but Realtys are wanted @ \$5%, and Humphreys @ \$9.00. Wharfs were sold @ \$116.00 and Providents (old) down to \$2.00.

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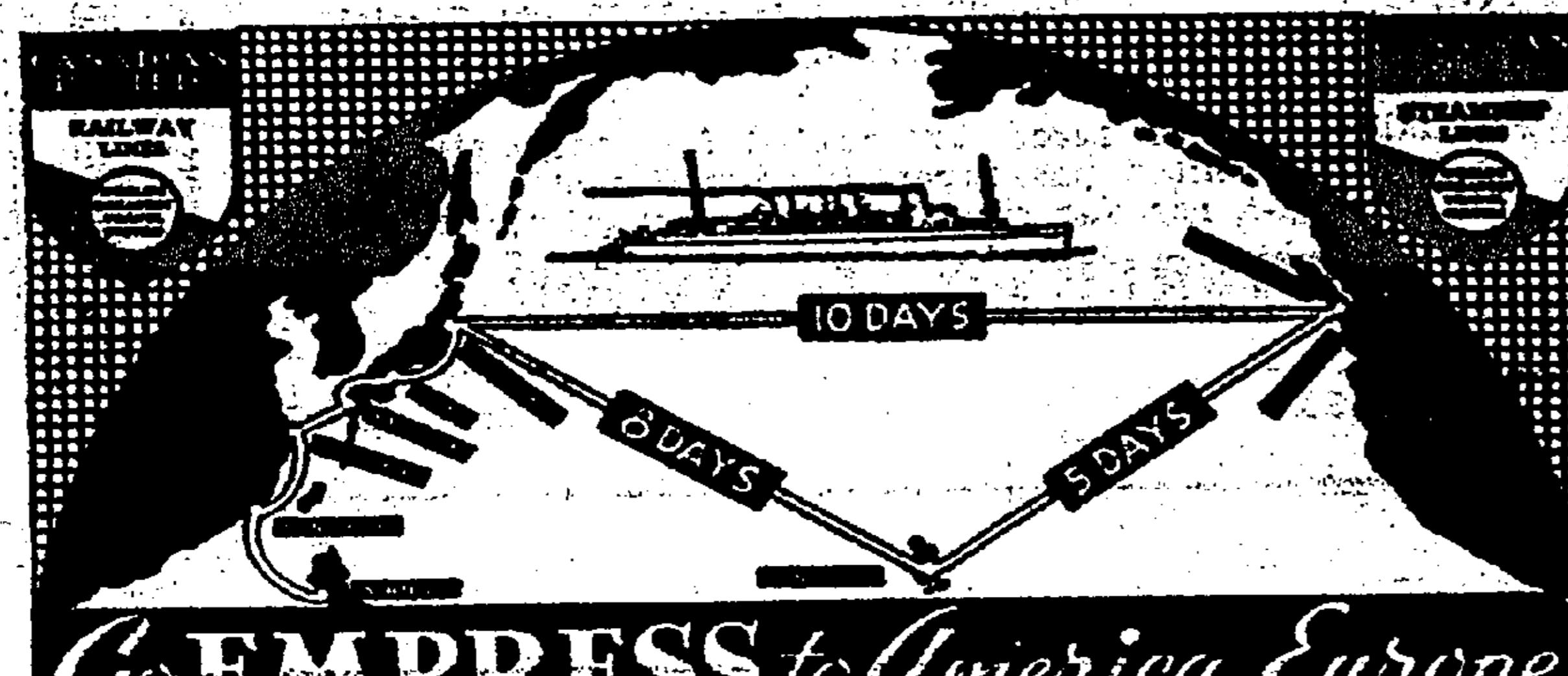
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Dress—Sun helmets will be worn. Sunday, 18th April. Entrain for Hong Kong.

(b) Tuesday, 20th April. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. Instruction.

Armoured Car Section
Section will parade at H. Q. on Tuesday, 20th April at 5.30 p.m. for Revolver Drill. Web belts must be brought.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Parade at H. Q. on Monday, 19th instant at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Sergeant Hamilton will lecture on "The Recent Combined Operations under Service Conditions."

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Dress—Mufti with belt and frog. Machine Gun Bn. Signals

Monday, 19th April. Subsection D parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Revolver training under Sgt. Thomson.

Wednesday, 21st April. Subsections B and C. parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. firing on Miniature Range.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: Doctrine Of Atonement

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow, April 18, will be: "Doctrine of Atonement."

The Golden Text will be: "John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel unto every creature." (Mark 16:2,4,5,6,9,14,15).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The resurrection of the great demonstrator of God's power was the proof of his final triumph over body and matter, and gave full evidence of divine Science, evidence so important to mortals. The belief that man has existence of mind separate from God is a dying error. This error Jesus met with divine Science and proved its nothingness. Our Master fully and finally demonstrated divine Science in his victory over death and the grave. Jesus' deed was for the enlightenment of men and for the salvation of the whole world from sin, sickness and death. Three days after his bodily burial he talked with his disciples. The persecutors had failed to hide immortal Truth and Love in a sepulchre. Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-onement with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love." (Pages 42, 45).

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Air Arm
Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd for a lecture.

Army Service Corps Company Thursday, 22nd April. Parade at R.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m. for Map Reading under S.S.M. T. Sabin, R.A.S.C.

PROMOTION
No. 1708 Corp. H. W. Brown, Corps Engineers, is appointed Acting Sergeant w.e.f. 16.4.37.

No. 1798 Corp. G. W. Bowden, Corps Engineers, is appointed Acting Sergeant w.e.f. 16.4.37.

TRANSFER
Private J. E. Potter, No. 1 (M. G.) Company, is transferred to Air Arm as an ab initio Candidate w.e.f. 14.4.37.

LEAVE
No. 2503 Bdr. D. J. Leonard, Corps 1st. Battery, L Section, is granted leave from 22.4.37. to 15.5.37.

No. 1981 A. L/Cpl. N. Whitley, M. M. G. Platoon, is granted 10 months' leave from 1.3.37. to 31.12.37.

No. 2732 Pte. W. R. L. Bowley, No. 1 (M. G.) Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 16.4.37. to 15.4.38.

No. 2571 Tpr. P. F. MacCabe, M. G. Troop, is granted 12 months' leave from 17.3.37. to 16.3.38.

No. 2773 Sapper A. W. T. White, Corps Engineers, is granted 10 months' leave from 15.5.37. to 14.3.38.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH
Having completed 3 years' service No. 2073 Pte. F. W. Winyard, M. M. G. Platoon, w.e.f. 10.3.37.

Permitted to resign
No. 2558 Pte. C. Furman, No. 1 (M. G.) Company, w.e.f. 16.4.37.

G. S. FRIZELLE, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE
ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING Will be held at Sookunpoo on May 1st. at 2.30 p.m.

Preliminary Events
Putting the Shot—On Murray Parade Ground. Monday, April 26th. at 5.30 p.m.

Tug-of-War—On Murray Parade Ground. Tuesday, April 27th. at 5.30 p.m.

Draw
Stratic Machine Guns v Coast Defence.

Corps Infantry v Mobile Machine Guns.

Will unit representatives please see that their teams turn up to time. Full teams must be present.

AFFILIATED UNIT
NURSING DETACHMENT,
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LECTURE

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th. at 5.30 p.m. at the P.W.D. Offices.

ENROLMENT

Miss Dorothy Moss—5.4.37.

Sgt. K. DURRAN, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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SIX RACES AT MACAU TO-MORROW

Gold Coin Should Win VICTORIA HALL MAY CHALLENGE SHANGHAI IV LIKELY TO SUCCEED

(By "RAPIER")

THE Macau Race Club have arranged an attractive programme for their April Meeting, which will be held at the Area Prata Race Course, Macau, to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m. It was indeed a pity that the previous meeting was marred by inclement weather, in consequence of which the attendance suffered considerably, but for to-morrow the prospects look particularly bright, and continuation of the present fine weather will no doubt serve as added inducement to racing fans from Hong Kong to make the excursion trip to Macau.

There were originally seven events on the programme, one of which has, as usual, been specially reserved for lady riders, but due to insufficient entries for the Ma Kau Siac Handicap, for non-winning subscription griffins of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, this has had to be cancelled, thus leaving only six races to be contested. It seems a pity that local owners are not giving the Macau Race Club adequate support, in spite of the offer of free transportation.

NOVICES' INDIVIDUAL BOXING FINALS

EXCITING BOUTS WITNESSED

Interesting boxing was witnessed at Murray Barracks last night when the finals of the Hong Kong Area Novices' Individual Championships were held.

The prizes were distributed by Brigadier F. Bassett.

THE RESULTS

The following were the results:
Lightweight (Semi-final).—Fus. Bray (R.W.F.) t.k.o. Rfn. Spence (R.U.R.); L/Cpl. Tague (Seaforts) beat Fus. Ryan (R.W.F.). Final.—L/Cpl. Tague beat Fus. Bray.

Welterweight (Semi-final).—L/Cpl. McKee (R.U.R.) received walk-over from L/Cpl. Cowie (Seaforts) who had to scratch owing to being medically unfit; Rfn. Armstrong (R.U.R.) beat Rfn. Deegan (R.U.R.). Final.—Rfn. Armstrong beat L/Cpl. McKee.

Bantamweight (Final).—Fus. Hoosan (R.W.F.) beat Pte. Baker (Seaforts). Featherweight (Final).—Rfn. McCandless (R.U.R.) beat Pte. McDonald (Seaforts).

Middleweight (Final).—Cpl. Butterfield (R.A.O.C.) beat Rfn. Reid (R.U.R.).

Light Heavyweight (Final).—Gnr. Martin (R.A.) beat L/Cpl. Wallace (Seaforts).

Heavyweight (Final).—Fus. Frings-ton (R.W.F.) t.k.o. Pte. Brown (Seaforts).

HONG KONG AREA BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES FOR FINAL ROUNDS

The Finals of the Individual Inter-Unit Boxing Competitions of the Hong Kong Area Boxing Championships will be decided in the compound of Murray Barracks on Monday, April 26 next, commencing at 8 p.m.

On Monday, May 3, the Finals of the Individual Championships for novices will be held, bouts commencing also at 8 p.m. at Murray Barracks.

Seats may be booked at S. Moutrie and Co. at \$1.

The Colowan Handicap, over five furlongs for non-winning subscription griffins of the Macau Jockey Club, will probably see the following starters:

Baroda (Mr. H. C. Pih), Cluniehouse (Mr. Y. T. Fung), Coureur Bleu (Mr. K. I. Ip), Hopefulleg (Mr. Ip Kui Ying), Prussian Plane (Mr. N. Deitz) and Wood Nymph (Mr. S. C. Liang).

Hopefulleg is evidently regarded as the best among the entries, as it has been allotted top weight, and in spite of this I fancy that it will win, with Prussian Plane second and Cluniehouse third.

Tai Po Handicap: Seven Furlongs

This race should attract the following starters:—Fairy Ouse (Mr. K. I. Ip), Leslie Henson (Mr. S. C. Liang), Meadow Eve (Mr. Ip Kui Ying), Morning Tip (Mr. Y. T. Fung), New Market Tip (N. Deitz) and Wentworth (Mr. S. L. Yuen).

At the last meeting Morning Tip was ridden by Mr. S. Y. Liang, and it came in second to The Big Trail in the North China Plate, which was over one mile. In this race the distance is slightly shorter, and, based on its previous performance, I nominate Morning Tip to win, with Meadow Eve and Wentworth, second and third respectively.

The Lappa Handicap: One Mile

In this race, which is confined to "D" and "E" Class ponies of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the entries are more or less known to the racing public, and it looks to me as if Gold Coin (Mr. S. W. Tang) has the best recommendation for a win. It came in second to Laughing Buddha in the Novices' Race last Saturday at the Valley, and I fail to see how any of the other ponies could extend it, with the possible exception of Victoria Hall (Mr. H. C. Pih). Burgomaster has invariably done well in Macau and Emergency Call could upset calculations.

Area Preta Handicap: Six Furlongs

This race has attracted substantial entries, which are all subscrip-



Selections For Macau To-morrow

(By "RAPIER")

Race No. 1

HOPEFULLEG

PRUSSIAN PLANE

CLUNIEHOUSE

Outsider:—Coureur Bleu

Race No. 2

MORNING TIP

MEADOW EVE

WENTWORTH

Outsider:—Leslie Henson

Race No. 3

GOLD COIN

VICTORIA HALL

EMERGENCY CALL

Outsider:—Burgomaster

Race No. 4

GOLD CLAUSE

COUNTRY FLOWER

WARFIELD

Outsider:—Merry Maker

Race No. 5

SHANGHAI 4

SHIH YIN GRAND

VICTORY LIFE

Outsider:—The Big Trail

Race No. 6

MISS BETTY FAIR'S MOUNT

MISS FEARON'S MOUNT

MISS B. FAIR'S MOUNT

Outsider:—Miss P. Baldwin's Mount

tion griffins of the Macau Race Club, but I doubt whether they will all accept, limiting the starters to the following:

Country Flower (Mr. S. C. Liang), Gold Clause (Mr. Deitz), Gold Reserve (Mr. S. L. Yuen), Hohenfels (Mr. H. C. Pih) Merry Maker and Warfield. Judging from its run at the last meeting, I am going to pick Gold Clause to win, leaving Country Flower and Warfield to fill the other two positions.

Tap Siac Handicap: One Mile

This should prove a really interesting race, as it is confined to subscription griffins of the Macau Race Club of any season. Shanghai 4 met with an unexpected defeat at the hands of Shih Yin Grand at the previous meeting in the South China Cup over the same distance, but in spite of that I feel that this pony can win to-morrow. It will be ridden by Mr. N. Deitz, and consequently its chances of pulling off this race seem more than bright. Shih Yin Grand should have no difficulty in holding on to the second berth, with the third position going to Victory Life (Mr. H. C. Pih).

The day's programme will be wound up with a race for lady jockeys, and they will be given mounts on ponies that have started in races 1, 2 and 4 at this meeting and have not been placed. The Fair Sisters have been conspicuous lately in such races, and as they are in fine riding form, they should be watched.

RIFLES MUST WIN TODAY'S ENCOUNTER BUT EASTERN OUT TO WIN

MANILA TOUR LOOMS NEAR

Although there are only three First Division League football encounters down for decision this afternoon, two of them should provide very interesting fare, especially the clash between the Rifles and Eastern, both of whom are sending teams to Manila in the near future.

The Rifles recently lost the services of L/Cpl. Campbell, their pivot, who left the Colony for home yesterday by the transport Dorsetshire, and Galbraith, of the juniors, will probably be brought in to fill the vacancy.

Two points ahead of South China "A" in the same number of games played, the Rifles must win their remaining three games, including to-day's, to secure the championship.

MUST CREATE IMPRESSION

Eastern, who leave the Colony on April 22 for Manila, will go all out for a win to-day so as to create a very favourable impression on their arrival in the Philippine capital. They have a fairly strong team and have scored more than one surprise win to-date.

In the other interesting fixture, Kowloon are at home to South China "A" and here another rare tussle should result with the odds on the Chinese, who will go all out to avenge the defeat they sustained in their first clash, when Archer, of the Worcesters, who was playing in the Kowloon attack, scored the only goal of the match.

SAINTS FAVOURED

South China will be without Wong Mei-shun, but with Lau Hing-choi in the centre-half berth should perform equally as well as in the past. In the remaining game St. Joseph's should beat the Club by a comfortable margin.

There are only two First Division games down for decision to-morrow, and both should result in wins for the home teams.



MAMAK HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dates For Deciding Matches

The second match in the championship series of the Mamak Hockey Tournament, between the Central British Association and the Radio Sports Club, will be played next Thursday on the Marina ground at 5 p.m.

In the event of a third game being necessary, it will be played off next Sunday on the same ground.



Mr. D. Kossick, above, will referee the Interport Soccer game between Hong Kong and Macau in Macau to-morrow.

POOR TENNIS AGAIN SEEN AT THE H.K.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS DETERIORATE VOLLEYING DUELS FEATURED

(By "ADREM")

Tennis in the open tennis championships appears to be getting worse and worse. The doubles exhibition on the Stand Court yesterday afternoon would not have done credit to an average "C" Division league team. I do not know if the importance of playing on the stand court unduly upsets players, but so far, the tennis witnessed there has not been conducive to big gates for the finals. Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheong, as expected, proved too much for P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen and won in scores of 6-4, 10-8. As indicated the game was very keenly contested and both pairs were evenly matched and it was only the ability of the winners to maintain consistency in their volleying, which enabled them to win.

Early in the proceedings, it appeared that Wong and Luk would win far more easily than they did. Wong showed great fluency with his ground strokes and was responsible for some nice placement while Luk always went for winners overhead. Later on, when the opposition realised the futility of trying to pass their opponents at the net and concentrated on a lobbing emersion, Luk decided that he could not "kill" and was content to keep the ball in play.

REMARKABLE

The number of shockingly bad lobs by Tsoi and Ng that were let off were remarkable and so far as I could see the majority of points scored by the losers were as a result of errors by the other side.

There were some bright spots in the game, although my comments so far would not lead one to suspect it. On occasions, both pairs were featured in some very fine volleying duels which provided spectators with the only interest in the game.

Ng was in dreadful form and played most inconsistently with the result that his partner had to shoulder a great deal of the work. All that can be said in favour of them was that they played pluckily and did very well to save four match points in the fourteenth game and finally carry the issue to the eighteenth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Doubles
Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung beat Tsoi Ping-fan and Ng

H.K.-MACAU FOOTBALL INTERPORT

LOCAL SIDE WILL PROBABLY WIN NOT THE BEST AVAILABLE

To-morrow will be a "Red Letter" day in local junior football when an Association team, selected from the Second and Third Divisions will meet Macau in the first Interport match between these two ports.

The team chosen is not the best available, but the selectors have tried to make the team as representative as possible, and they should acquit themselves creditably if the standard of football seen when some of the Macau teams played here, can be taken as a guide.

The team will leave Hong Kong to-morrow morning under the management of Commissioned Gunner G. H. Warren, R.N., and will play the same afternoon, returning by the night boat.

HONG KONG REFEREE

Mr. D. Kossick will referee the game, and Mr. W. Lawrence will be one of the linesmen. Mr. C. D. Carter, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, will also accompany the team.

During their short stay, the team will drive round Macau and in the evening will be the guests at a dinner in their honour.

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong:

Branwell (Rifles); D. W. Willis (Kowloon) and Gazeley (Fusiliers); M. Purvis (Club), Spiers (Seaforts) and Dewell (Engineers); J. R. Gonsalves (Recreio), Sumner (Stonecutters), Harrison (Medicals), Lam Fook-chi (Kowloon Chinese) and Brewer (Navy).

Reserves:—Duffield (Ordnance), Lewis (Stonecutters), Boyd (Rifles) and Blackmore (Lyemun).

LOCAL SOCCER TEAM'S VISIT TO CANTON

TO MEET POLICE ELEVEN

A combined Club-Kowloon football team will leave for Canton to-morrow morning, where they will oppose the Canton Police team in a charity football game in aid of the funds of the Canton Police Hospital.

The local team is a strong one and should perform as well as the St. Joseph's-Recreio team which visited Canton recently and shared two goals.

The Club-Kowloon team will be made up of the following players:

G. Rodger (Club); S. Strange (Club) and G. Hill (Club); A. S. Ellis (Kowloon); K. S. Forrow (Club); and E. Strange (Club); F. Fowler (Club); V. White (Kowloon); D. Knox (Kowloon); A. Wilson (Club); D. S. Blake (Kowloon) and B. L. Bickford (Club).

Kam-chuen 6-4, 10-8.

Club Handicap Singles

G. E. R. Divett beat F. V. Harrison 9-7, 6-0.

W. Wooding beat A. C. I. Bowker

6-3, 7-5.

Club Singles Championship

A. L. Sullivan beat J. Thomson 6-0, 6-3.

Club Handicap Doubles

A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis received a walk-over from L. R. Andrews and E. H. Williams.

Mixed Doubles Handicap

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Mackie beat Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whitham 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

"ROVER'S" FOOTBALL FORECAST

The following are the local football League fixtures for the week-end:

TO-DAY

First Division
Kowloon v South China "A"
(Kowloon, 4.45 p.m.)

Club v St. Joseph's
(Club, 4.45 p.m.)

Rifles v Eastern
(Sookunpoo, 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division
Club v Lyemun
(Club, 3.15 p.m.)

South China v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

Stonecutters v Kowloon Chinese
(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)

Rifles v Fusiliers
(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

Kowloon v Engineers
(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division
Recreio v Kumaon Rifles
(King's Park, 3.15 p.m.)

Liga v Fusiliers
(Chatham Road, 4.45 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

First Division
Athletic v Police
(Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)

Second Division
Athletic v Chinese Police
(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

Eastern v Rifles
(Causeway Bay, 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division
Medicals v Service Corps
(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

Chinese Police v Engineers
(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)



KOWLOON B.G.C. FUNCTIONS FOR CORONATION DAY

PRESIDENT'S WIFE TO PLANT TREE

SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED

An interesting programme has been arranged by the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for Coronation Day, Wednesday, May 12. At 11.45 a.m., the President's wife, Mrs. J. L. Tetley, will plant a commemoration tree, and at noon the Loy's Toast will be honoured on the verandah. At 12.15 p.m., the presentation of the Bowls "Coronation Cup" will be made.

After tiffin, which will be served at 1.30 p.m. approximately, Bowls and Tennis tournaments will commence at 3.15 p.m. An entrance fee of \$1 will be charged to defray cost of teas and part cost of a Coronation souvenir. All players win or lose, who enter their names as intending to play before the entry lists close are guaranteed a souvenir.

That evening, at 9.30 p.m., an open air flannel dance and (possibly) Cabaret will be held. In the event of inclement weather a similar function will be held in the club-house.

FLOOD-LIT

In addition, the club-house and grounds will be flood-lit and the interior of the club-house suitably decorated and illuminated. The illuminations will be maintained for three days.

Entry lists for bowls, tennis and tiffin are now on the notice boards, the closing date for these being Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

JUNIOR SOCCER RUNNERS-UP RACE COMMENCES

FUSILIERS MEET LIGA TO-DAY

KOWLOON CLASH WITH R.E.

The only interest left in the Second and Third Divisions of the soccer League is the race for the runners-up position between the Ordnance Corps and the Liga Portuguesa, and the latter's encounter with the Fusiliers, who have already won the Third Division championship, should provide the most interesting game in junior Football.

The Portuguese forwards are much faster than the soldiers, but the latter have the better marksmen, while the Fusiliers are well served in the defence, whereas the Liga is composed mostly of youngsters who are inexperienced.

Gomes, the Liga's left back, has been the mainstay of the defence and should Remedios be able to hold Tatler and Luxton, the Portuguese should do well.

COMFORTABLE WIN

Another good game should be seen at Sookunpoo where, in the Second Division, the Fusiliers meet the Rifles, runners-up in the Second Division and Junior Shield, respectively.

Strengthened by the inclusion of Ulrich and Jorge, who have recently been transferred from Recreio, Kowloon seem assured of a win against the Engineers, holders of the Junior Shield, more so in view of the fact that Darby, Selleck, Boyling, Callard, among others of the regular team, left for Home yesterday.

The Club should advance three places at least when they meet Lyemun, who have lost several players by the Dorsetshire, among whom are Knight, the Army centre forward and Rivers.

The Club, however, have lost Milne, who departed for home yesterday, while Stone will be leading the senior team in place of Wilson, who is on the injured list.

PREPARING FOR LAWN BOWLS SEASON

Friendly Games This Afternoon

All Bowling Clubs in the Colony will be having practice or friendly games this afternoon in preparation for the first League games, which will be held in a fortnight's time.

Two friendly games have been arranged for this afternoon. An interesting one being between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Dockyard Recreation Club.

Though the latter are not competing in the League, they are able to field a strong side as a number of their players have figured in the senior teams of other Clubs.

Craigengower Cricket Club, champions of the First Division, are at home to the Club de Recreio, their old rivals, who this season will be strengthened by the return of R. F. Luz, a former Colony Singles champion and Interporter, and C. F. Remedios, the Shanghai Open Singles champion.



Spr. L. Jordan, of the Royal Engineers, above, leader of their Third-Division soccer team, left by the Transport Dorsetshire yesterday and will be missed by both the football and swimming sections.

BRITISH RIFLE TEAM TOUR

THREE DOMINIONS TO BE VISITED

SPECIAL MEET IN SYDNEY

London, March 23.

The Council of the National Rifle Association has accepted an invitation by the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations of Australia to send a team to a special meeting to be held in Sydney in February, 1938.

It will be part of the commemorations of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Australia and the landing of Governor Phillip in New South Wales.

This announcement was made yesterday at the annual meeting of the N.R.A. at the Royal United Service Institute, Whitehall, Lord Cottesloe, the chairman, presiding.

Lord Cottesloe said that there would be a team of 14, under the leadership of Cmdr. D.S. Swanston, R.N., and it would leave in October, visiting South Africa en route.

MATCHES IN SOUTH AFRICA

It was proposed, he said, that the team should participate in matches in various parts of the South African Union. The members would arrive in Australia at the end of November, and would attend several State meetings.

The return would be via New Zealand, the team reaching England in April.

Since the war a team from the home country has visited the Do-

B. LYNCH GETS HIS REVENGE

HAMPSTON LOSES IN 10 ROUNDS

REFEREE STOPS FIGHT

London, March 23.

Benny Lynch, the world, European and British fly-weight champion, took ample revenge at Leeds last night for the beating recently handed out to him by Len Hampson, of Batley. Their return match — at 8st. 6lb. — was stopped by the referee in the 10th round, when Hampson was hanging helplessly on the ropes, having risen pluckily from two counts of eight each.

There was a packed crowd inside the hall and several thousands were turned away. Lynch opened aggressively, and got in a good straight left to the face. Hampson retaliated with a right swing to the body, and Lynch complained, but the referee ordered the men to fight on.

Lynch was again the aggressor at the start of the second round, but Hampson scored with a light left to the face and followed with two quick lefts to the side of the head, to which Lynch countered with a series of blows to the body. The Scot then scored with a perfectly timed left uppercut and right to the side of the head, and Hampson was glad to cover to escape further punishment.

CONFIDENT CHAMPION

In the third round Lynch, who was boxing with great confidence, opened with a right swing to the

ribs and missed by inches with a vicious right to the jaw. Hampson landed a right to the face and a smart left to the body and a right upper-cut. Lynch again missed narrowly, this time with a left swing to the face, but then landed with both hands to the body.

Hampson's best round was the ninth. He got his man on the ropes and punished him without reply.

SENSATIONAL OPENING

There was a sensational opening to the 10th round, in which the first punch signalled the end. A vicious right to the jaw sent Hampson to the canvas for a count of eight, and when he rose, groggily, Lynch chased him round the ring.

He went down again without being hit. The count was started, but at eight he got up only to be knocked through the ropes by a fierce left to the body. The referee then stopped the contest.

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L/Cpl. Pearse, of the Royal Engineers, above, left the Colony for home yesterday by the Transport Dorsetshire and will be badly missed by the Sappers' swimming section.

minions on only two occasions—Australia and South Africa in 1920, and Canada in 1931. In view of the present of an Australian team at the Coronation meeting at Bisley in July, it was fitting and desirable that the long overdue return visit should coincide with Australia's anniversary celebrations.

NO "GATE"

Unlike cricket, football, and other sports, rifle shooting attracted no "gate." The expense of sending a team on this tour for six months would amount to about £4,000, and the council appealed for assistance in its Imperial enterprise.

Lord Cottesloe also stated that for the Imperial Coronation meeting at Bisley on July 5-17 special silver commemoration medals would be awarded to winners of all the principal competitions and to the members of winning teams in the principal team events. There would also be a Special Coronation Competition.

AMERICA'S CUP SERIES DEFENDER

FIRST TRYOUT ON MAY 29

DATES OF TRIALS

New York, March 26.

Dates for the trial races to select a defender for America's Cup were announced to-day by the New York Yacht Club. The American competitors for the honour of meeting Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's challenger, Endeavour II, will have their first try-out on May 29 off Newport.

This meeting will be more or less a preliminary canter designed to afford their skippers opportunity to test rigs and train crews under racing conditions.

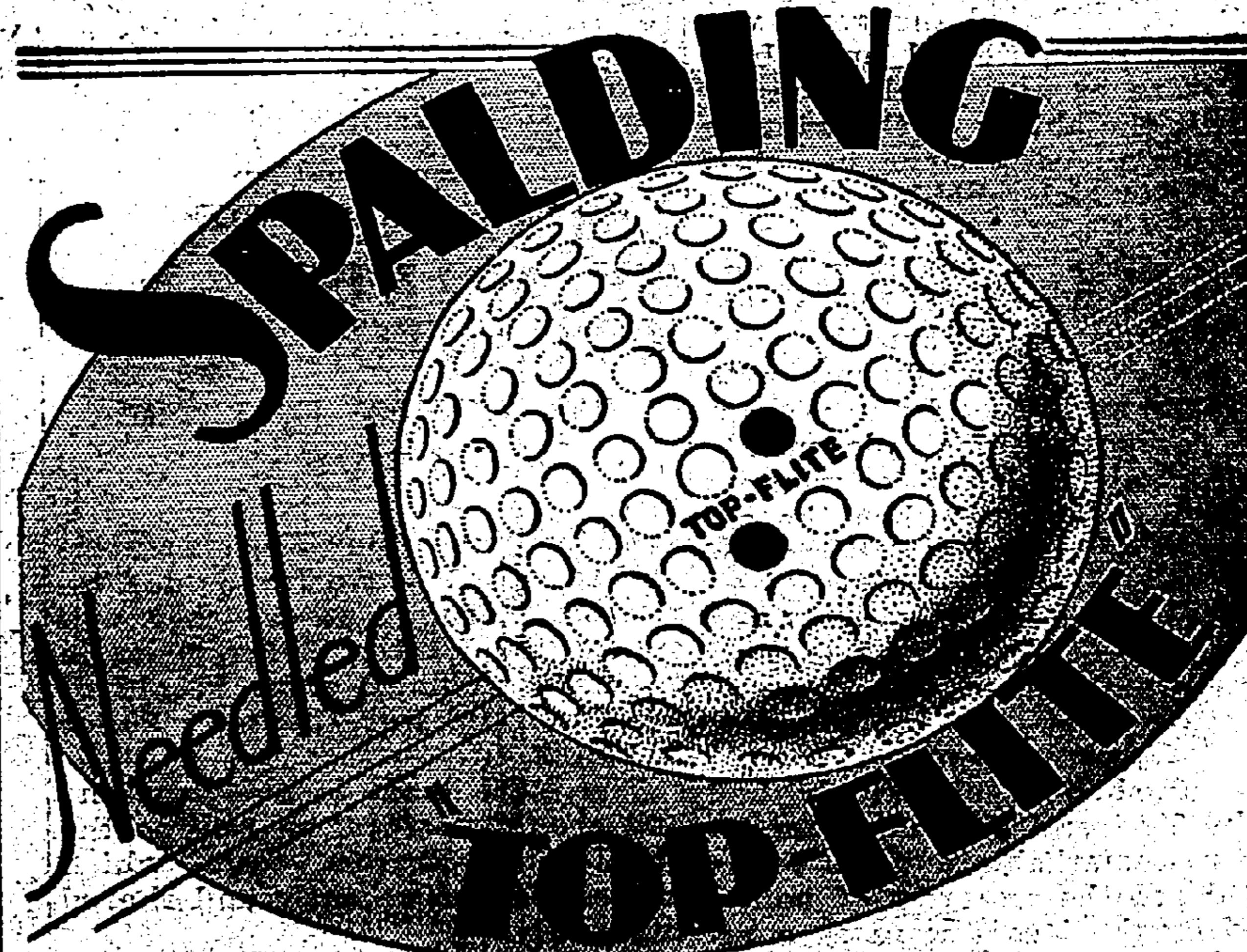
The second, or so-called "observation series," will start on June 12, with seven races. The third series will start on July 3, and will be decisive, continuing until a defender has been selected by the Cup Committee.

TRIAL COURSES

The first two series will be sailed off Brenton's Reef Lightship, and the third on the regular America's Cup courses.

The final series may be a protracted affair, although if any one of three boats, Ranger, Yankee or Rainbow, shows decided superiority in the early series and maintains it in the final tests, the selection will be a simple matter and may not need more than three or four races.

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RE-RIGGED YANKEE RIVAL TO RANGER

MUCH FASTER THAN LAST YEAR?

WEETAMOE IS TOO SMALL

(By WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
The well-known American writer on Yachting)

London, March 27.

RECENT developments in the American J class yachting picture not only promise an exciting three months of America's Cup preliminaries off Newport, but heighten the chances of another successful defence of the Cup against the Royal Yacht Squadron's challenge.

CHIEF AMONG THESE IS THE RERIGGING OF YANKEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. GERARD B. LAMBERT, HER OWNER AND SKIPPER, THAT HE IS "OUT FOR BLOOD" IN THE COMING CAMPAIGN, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF YANKEE PLAYING THE TAME ROLE OF A MERE TRIAL HORSE FOR MR. HAROLD S. VANDERBILT'S NEW RANGER, WHICH IS WELL ON THE WAY TO COMPLETION AT BATH.

Feeling that Yankee, a 1930 boat, is big enough to be a real contender against the more modern Endeavours and Ranger, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Frank C. Paine, her designer, have given her a completely new rig, which they hope will compensate for any deficiencies in her hull design as against those of Ranger and the Endeavours.

It is not so much a new rig as the application of a rig of typical small-boat proportions to the 7,521-square-foot sail area of a class J sloop. The mast of Yankee has been moved 6½ feet forward, and the main boom lengthened nine feet, to add 500 square feet to the area of her mainsail, which is now 5,553 square feet.

The jibstay has been brought aft about three and a half feet at the deck, shortening the foot of the fore triangle 10 feet altogether, and reducing the area of the headsails just about as much as that of the mainsail is increased, her total measured sail area being 7,521 square feet.

TRIANGULAR JIBS

In place of the jib and forestay-sail carried by all the modern class J. sloops both in England and America, Yankee will spread a single jib, the size, of course, varying according to the strength of the breeze. The new jibs will all be triangular there being no object in using a quadrilateral jib with this rig.

The primary object, of course, is to increase the efficiency of the sail plan and get a better wind-tunnel effect between the sails than is possible with two headsails. The changes may also simplify handling and save seconds on a tack or a jibe.

REINFORCED

To carry the rig, Yankee's 1935 steel mast has been reinforced with a steel rib welded to its forward side. Five sets of jumper stays and struts on the fore side of the mast are designed to take care of the strain hitherto carried by the forestay, which is eliminated. Only one pair of backstays is being used.

SIR CHAS. HYDE ATTACKS "DEADLY DULL" PLAY Warwickshire Cricket XI's Display Deplored

London, March 25.
Sir Charles Hyde, president of Warwickshire, made a strong plea for brighter cricket yesterday. "The public is sick of watching some of the deadly dull performances of last season," he said at the annual meeting of the Warwickshire club in Birmingham.

"The display of the Warwickshire team at Bristol last season was a blot on cricket. This sort of thing must stop. To-day people like jazz, not funeral dirges. I do not blame them if they stop away from dull cricket."



which further simplifies handling.

The proportions of jib and main sail in the total sail area are about the same as in the most successful class Q sloops, which are the slippest things for their rating that have ever been turned out under the Universal measurement rule. They are not far from those of the best modern six-metre and twelve-metre and twelve-metre sloops developed in America.

EXPERIMENTING

Whether the rig will prove practical in a yacht as large as a Class J sloop remains to be seen—Messrs. Lambert and Paine are frankly experimental.

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T. O. M. Sopwith, above, who is again challenging for the America's Cup, the most famous yachting trophy in the world, will have serious competition judging by the enthusiasm of his American rivals.

26-YEAR-OLD CYCLING MARK FALLS AT LAST

Jeff Scherens' Fine Performance

London, March 27.
Jeff Scherens, Belgian holder of the world's professional sprint championship, equalled W. J. Bailey's 26-year-old record of 24 4-5sec for the quarter-mile, flying start, at the Southern Counties Cycling Union meeting at Herne Hill, London, yesterday.

Scherens, Albert Richter (German champion), and Louis Gerardin (French title-holder)—three of the world's finest professional sprinters—met in a match of three events. Scherens and Richter tied with five points each and Gerardin had eight points.

The first event, over two laps, was won by Scherens, with Richter second and Gerardin third. In the second match, over a lap and a half, the placings were the same, but Richter won the third, over two laps, Gerardin being second and the world champion third.

H. H. Hill (Sheffield Phoenix) British Olympic rider, won the 10-minutes' pursuit race over four and a quarter miles, while E. V. Mills and W. G. Paul, holders of the world tandem hour record, caught the field after covering two miles in 3min 58sec, to win the 10-minutes tandem pursuit match.

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the tie against Japan.

D. Budge, F. Parker, B. Grant, R. Riess, G. Makio and S. Wood.

If Japan are eliminated, Grant will join the other players in May to practice for the second-round match against the winners of the Australia-Mexico tie, which begins on April 30.

The selection of the team to meet Japan will rest with the acting captain, Mr. Edward Chandler, of San Francisco.

COLONY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEK

The following matches in the Colony Open Singles and Doubles Lawn Tennis Championships, and Club Tournament are as follows:

MONDAY

Colony Open Singles
H. D. Rumjahn v. Leong Ping-chiu (Stand Court).

Colony Open Doubles
A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung.

Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fan v. W. N. Cheung and M. C. Hung.

Club Championship Singles
F. V. Harrison or G. E. R. Divett v. H. Owen Hughes.

Club Handicap Singles
V. R. Gordon v. G. W. Sewell.

A. C. I. Bowker (scr.) or W. Wooding (+3.6) v. M. Pagh (-30).

Club Handicap Doubles
A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis (+15) or R. R. Andrews and E. P. H. Williams (+3.6) v. F. C. Nigel and R. King (+4.6).

Club Mixed Doubles
G. Polglase and Mrs. Wood (-4.6) v. J. F. L. Smalley and Miss J. Smalley (-1.6).

TUESDAY

Club Handicap Singles
H. Owen Hughes (-15) v. A. K. Mackenzie (+1.6).

Club Handicap Doubles
F. V. Harrison and A. S. Read (-5.6) v. J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood (+3.6).

G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane (-15.3) v. R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce (-2.6).

WEDNESDAY

Colony Open Doubles
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun or W. N. Cheung and M. C. Hung (stand court).

Club Championship Singles
A. L. Sullivan v. G. W. Sewell.

H. Owen Hughes or F. V. Harrison, or G. E. R. Divett v. J. F. Leyes or M. Pagh.

Club Handicap Singles
F. V. Harrison (-3.6) v. V. R. Gordon (scr.).

THURSDAY

Colony Open Singles
F. H. Kwok v. Leong Ping-chiu or H. D. Rumjahn (stand court).

Club Handicap Singles
H. Owen Hughes (-15) or A. K. Mackenzie (+1.6) v. F. V. Harrison (-3.6) or V. R. Gordon (scr.).

Club Handicap Doubles
R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce (-2.6) or G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane (-15.3) v. F. G. Nigel and R. King (+4.6) or E. P. H. Williams and L. R. Andrews (+3.6) or A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis (+1.6).

FRIDAY

Colony Open Singles (Semi-final)
S. A. Rumjahn v. E. C. Fincher (stand court).

BRYAN GRANT AND U.S. DAVIS CUP TEAM

Declines Invitation To Practice

Atlanta (Georgia), March 27.
Bryan Grant, who is third ranked player in the United States, has announced that he declined the American Davis Cup Committee's invitation to report at San Francisco on May 1 for the first-round match against Japan.

Grant's explanation was that he did not want to play too much tennis before the trials to select the team for the match against Australia.

The United States L.T.A. announced that the following have been invited to report at San Francisco in mid-April to practice for

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perimenting, and are prepared to put the old rig back in if the new one proves unsatisfactory. They will, of course, have to be content with a shorter spinnaker pole than heretofore, a marked disadvantage in running, but they believe that they have made Yankee theoretically faster than she was last year.

Besides changing the rig they have altered the keel, lowering the centre of gravity of the lead, at the same time increasing the fore and aft length of the keel and fining its lines.

AS BIG AS RANGER

Unlike most of the older boats, Yankee is, as Mr. Lambert points out, practically as big as the new Ranger and Endeavour II., with a water-line length of 86ft 3in and a displacement of 164 tons. Whether her beam, powerful midship sections and 103-ton lead keel will be a disadvantage against Ranger, with her greater over-all length, probably less beam, and keel weight of around 112 tons, is still anybody's guess, but if the rig works as expected it may more than balance any such disadvantage.

Mr. Chandler Hovey's purchase of Rainbow from Mr. Vanderbilt has already been noted. Mr. Hovey, who sailed Weetamoe last year, plans to bring out Rainbow in about the same trim and rig as in 1934 and 1935, though owing to much of her gear having been taken off to use in the new Ranger, Rainbow will be fitted with a good deal of Weetamoe's equipment and some hand-me-downs from Enterprise.

STILL A FORCE

Enterprise, in fact, is still well represented. Ranger will have, among other things, the same steering gear and wheel that the 1930 defender, now broken up, carried, and which Rainbow inherited from her. Mr. Hovey takes his racing more casually than Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Lambert, at least in prospect, but once the trials start he will be as keen as any skipper in the fleet, and the 1930 defender is still a boat to be reckoned with, especially, Mr. Hovey believes, in light weather.

A second series between the first Endeavour and Rainbow is still a possibility, though a remote one.

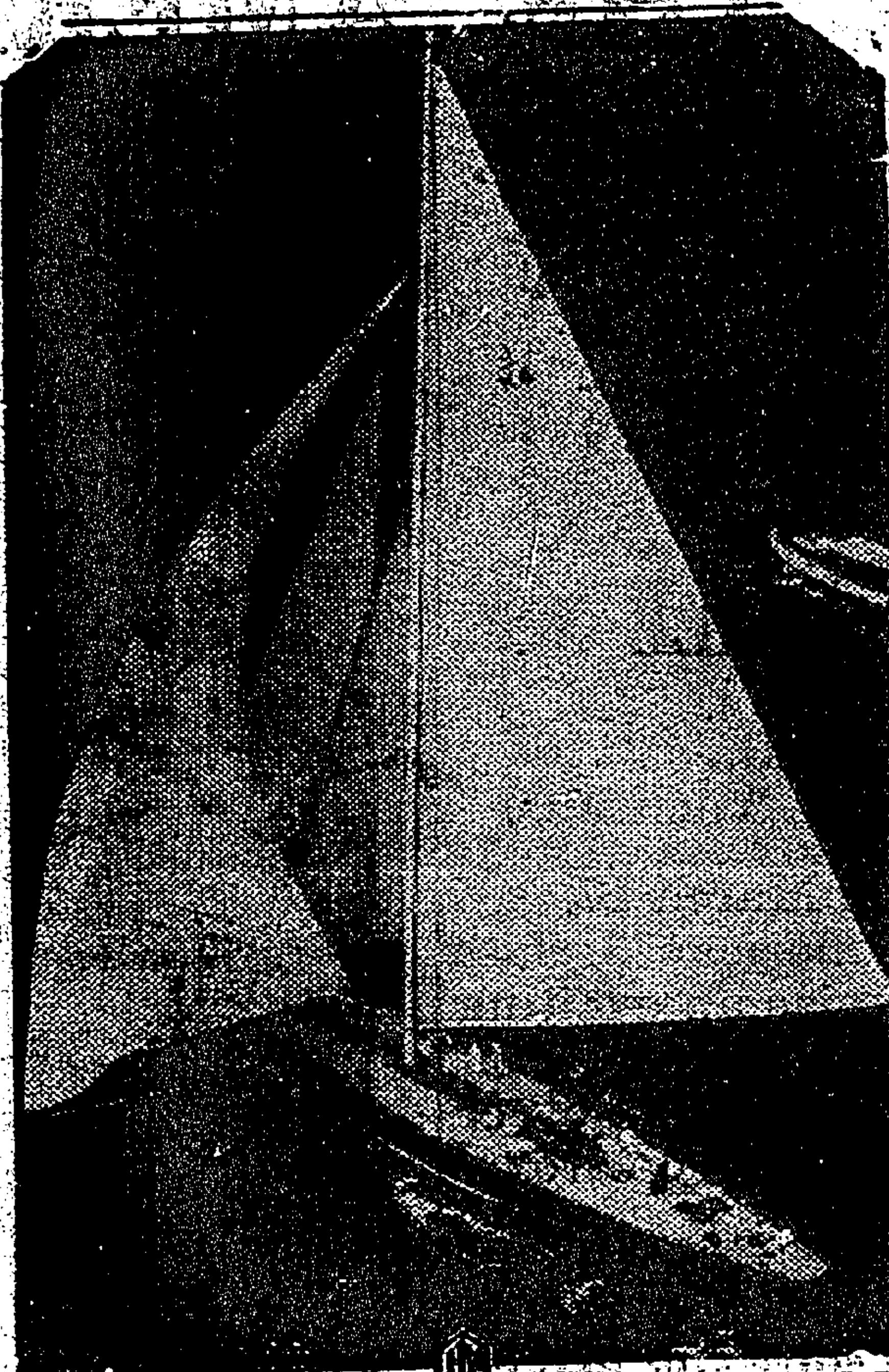
WEETAMOE TOO SMALL

The chances of a fourth American boat being in the running are unfortunately fading. Mr. George Nichols, who raced Weetamoe in the 1930 trials, made Mr. Hovey an offer for her, but it looks now as though the latter will have to take so much of Weetamoe's gear to fit out Rainbow that this deal will fall through.

Mr. Nichols himself considers Weetamoe too small a boat for modern class J conditions. He had planned to sail her merely for his own enjoyment, and whatever help she might be in turning the others up, but many American yachtsmen had looked forward to seeing the old 1930 Nichols-Weetamoe combination afloat again.

REAL BATTLE

At any rate, it looks now as though there will be a real battle among three American boats for the selection, which means that whichever one wins will be in just



The Yankee, above, will make a big bid to represent the United States against Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's Endeavour challenger for the America's Cup.

that much better trim to meet The latter, now plated and decked, whichever of the two Endeavours Mr. Sopwith finally chooses.

With the American boats holding their trials and the two Endeavours holding theirs, the owners will have to reach some sort of agreement on apportioning the ocean off Newport, so that they won't be running into each other.

YANKEE'S COMMISSION

Yankee is to be in commission early in April, and will give her new rig a try-out around Boston before going west to meet Ranger.

The latter, now plated and decked, is expected to be launched April 15 and towed to New York, where she will do her early sailing on the Sound, and perhaps have a skirmish or two with Yankee before they go to Newport.

Rainbow, with less experimenting to do, may be out a few weeks later than the others.

A week of racing off the Eastern Yacht Club, at Marblehead, home port of Rainbow and Yankee, is planned for August 28 to September 3, and will probably wind up the season for the big boats in America.

H. W. AUSTIN PRAISES BOY BY OPPONENT

Invites Him To Play In Doubles

THEN DEFEATS CHINESE

London.

H. W. Austin, having recovered from his minor injury, beat R. C. Nicoll, a middlesex player still in his teens, by 6-4, 6-3 in the second round of the men's singles at the Herga Club's tournament at Harrow yesterday.

Nicoll, taking the ball in his stride in a manner reminiscent of F. J. Perry, hit boldly and quite accurately. After the match Austin said that he thought Nicoll one of the most promising boys in the country and asked him to play with him in a men's doubles at a tournament later in the season.

Nicholl's game is founded on natural strokes, and it is to be hoped that in future no attempt will be made to alter them in any way.

Austin, after a brief rest, reached the semi-final by beating K. H. C. Lo, a Chinese, by 6-2, 6-4.

Miss M. Heeley qualified for the semi-final round of the women's singles by beating Miss R. Jarvis by 6-3, 6-1.

Although Miss D. E. Round won the first set to love against the Gloucestershire left-hander, Miss J. Goss, she found her opponent an ardent retriever later. After Miss Goss had won the second set in the tenth game Miss Round played as a No. 1 player ought to do, and won the last set at 6-1.

LEYTON'S GROUND PROBLEM

Leyton F.C., whose ground at Osborne-road is to be taken over by Clapton Orient at the end of the season, may return to one of their former grounds—the Hare and Hounds, or the police ground. Mr. George Smith, the hon. secretary, states that negotiations with the owners have been started.

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BRITAIN'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

FIVE PLAYERS TO TRAIN

NO NEW FIGURE

London, To-day.

Five players have been asked to go into training for the selection of members for the British Davis Cup team. These players are H. W. (Bunny) Austin, C. E. Hare, G. P. Hughes, C. R. D. Tuckey and F. H. D. Wilde.—Reuter.

The self-same Charles E. Hare and F. H. D. Wilde are members of the British Davis Cup team, comes as no surprise, were runners-up to C. R. D. Tuckey and G. P. Hughes at Wimbleton last year in the Open Doubles Championship.

In the absence of Fred Perry, who has since joined the professional ranks, "Bunny" Austin is now Gt. Britain's first ranking tennis player and on him will rest to a great extent whether Britain retains the Davis Cup trophy which she has now held for four consecutive years.

Charles Hare is a member of Britain's younger school of tennis champions and will in all probability be the second string single-player, while the Doubles team will rest between Tuckey and Hughes, and Wilde and Hare.

Austin reached the semi-final round of the Wimbledon Singles championship last year where he succumbed to Baron Gottfried von Cramm, the German runner-up to Fred Perry.

Tuckey and Hughes reached the final of the Wimbledon Doubles Championship in defeating Wilmer Allison and John van Ryn, former holders, while Hare and Wilde caused a major upset by eliminating Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon, of France, in the same round.

Last year's Davis Cup Challenge Round saw Gt. Britain defeat Australia by 3 matches to 2, Jack Crawford and Adrian Quist winning the Doubles encounter by defeating the Wimbledon champions in four sets after a prolonged struggle, while Austin lost to Quist in his second singles encounter, also in four sets.

WAH TAI COLLEGE SPORTS

Wah Tai College will hold its annual athletic meeting next Monday, April 19 at Caroline Hill, commencing at 11 a.m. Entries are invited for the following two events:

Relay Race (1,200 metres, open to all schools of Hong Kong).
800 Metres Flat Race (Open to the Colony).

JAPAN AND INDIA COAST SHIPPING

Declines Invitation To Govt. Conference

New Delhi, To-day.

The Japanese Government has declined to accept an invitation to participate in a shipping conference.

Japan insists that the question of coastal shipping in India be settled by the companies concerned.—Reuter.

DIOCESAN BOYS' ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET NEW HIGH JUMP RECORD

The school's High Jump record of 5 feet was broken by D. Willis yesterday, when he cleared 5 feet 2 inches at the Diocesan Boys' School's annual sports and hobbies exhibition.

THE RESULTS

The results of the sports were: 220 Yards Snr.—1, K. Knight; 2, Kaan Wah-tuen; 3, J. Fenton. Time: 27 secs.

880 Yards Snr.—1, K. Knight; 2, G. White; 3, G. Willis. Time: 2 mins. 24 secs.

The Miles Snr.—1, K. Knight; 2, Ko King-hum; 3, G. Ford. Time: 21 mins. Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, P. Tam; 2, G. White; 3, D. Crary. Distance: 79 yds.

880 Yards Middle.—1, M. Sully; 2, Tan Teh-chun; 3, W. Young. Time: 2 mins. 29 secs.

100 Yards Snr.—1, Wong Pak-choy; 2, Kaan Wah-tuen; 3, J. Fenton. Time: 11 secs.

100 Yards Middle.—1, Ip Lai; 2, C. Kotewall; 3, Lee Ming. Time: 12 secs.

100 Yards Junior.—1, C. Whitfield; 2, Chu Liang-man; 3, E. Read. Time: 13.3/5 secs.

High Jump Snr.—1, D. Willis; 2, Kam Wah-tuen; 3, Kaan Sze-kin. Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.

440 Yards Middle.—1, M. Sully; 2, Tan Teh-chun; 3, Chan Yim-ming. Time: 63 secs.

440 Yards Junior.—1, C. Whitfield; 2, E. Read; 3, Chu Liang-man. Time: 77.2/5 secs.

High Jump Middle.—1, M. Sully; 2, Lee Ming; 3, Ip Lai. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.

Long Jump Snr.—1, Kaan Wah-tuen; 2, G. Willis; 3, G. White. Distance: 20 ft. 11/2 ins.

880 Yards Junior.—1, J. Ramsay; 2, Leung Yu-yuen; 3, C. Whitfield. Time: 3 mins. 7.4/7 secs.

440 Yards Snr.—1, K. Knight; 2, G. White; 3, D. Willis. Time: 60 secs.

Long Jump Middle.—1, Lee Ming; 2, Chau King-cheong; 3, W. Young. Distance: 16 ft. 10 ins.

Relay Race Jnr.—1, Yellow House; 2, Green House; 3, Blue House. Time: 2 mins. 22.3/5 secs.

Shot Put Snr.—1, G. Derkoch; 2, Tau Kong-hong; 3, G. Willis. Distance: 45 ft. 5 1/2 ins.

One Mile Middle.—1, M. Sully; 2, Tau Teh-chun; 3, J. Read. Time: 5 mins. 40.2/5 secs.

One Mile Snr.—1, Ko King-hong; 2, K. Knight; 3, Li Ting-sum. Time: 5 mins. 42.3/5 secs.

Relay Race Middle.—1, Blue House; 2, Green House; 2, Brown House. Time: 3 mins. 20.4/5 secs.

Tug-of-War Snr.—1, Yellow House; 2, Green House; 3, Blue House.

Relay Race Snr.—1, Green House; 2, Blue House; 3, Yellow House. Time: 2 mins. 59.1/5 secs.

Inter-House Competition.—1, Green House; 138 points; 2, Yellow House 114 points; 3, Blue House 110 points; 4, Brown House 27 points.

Individual Champions.—Senior Champion K. Knight; Middle Champion M. Sully; Junior Champion C. Whitfield.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Stenhousemuir Score Nine At Home

London, To-day.

The following Scottish League football matches were played yesterday:

First Division

Celtic 5 Arbroath 1

Second Division

Stenhousemuir 9 Dundee Utd. 2

East Fife

4 Ayr 1

Collision In Thames Estuary

London, To-day.

A collision took place in the Thames estuary off Gravesend yesterday between the Soviet steamer "Sheksna" and the British training ship "Cornwall."

The "Cornwall," which has been anchored off Gravesend for many years, was only slightly damaged.

With its 100-year-old oak-built hull, the "Cornwall" was actually built 122 years ago.

The veteran warship took part in the China War of 1841.—Reuter.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TRADE

Sanctions Losses Still Shown

London, To-day.

The continued losses which Great Britain has incurred from her loyalty to the League of Nations in the Italo-Abyssinian dispute and the dislocation of trade which sanctions involved, is shown in the figures for Overseas Trade in the first quarter.

Only 322,997 tons of coal were exported to Italy compared with 1,185,995 tons in the first quarter of 1935.

However, the total coal exports for the quarter were 8,639,201 tons compared with 8,001,096 tons in the corresponding period of last year and the value of total coal exports was almost as high as in the corresponding period of 1935.—British Wireless.

UTOPIA IN FIVE YEARS

Group That Wants To Reform Everything

The organisation which describes itself as "The Next Five Years" Group issued a Utopian "programme of priorities" last month.

The presidents of the Group are the Archbishop of York, Lord Cecil, Sir Valentine Crittall, Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, Lord Lothian and Sir Alfred Pugh. Lord Allen of Hurtwood is chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Group propose among other things:

A housing programme, including demolishing and replacing 800,000 houses following on the completion of the present programme.

Pooling of existing housing subsidies to secure low rents;

Schemes similar to the milk-in-schools, to make essential food-stuffs available at low prices;

Raising the school-leaving age to 18 without exemptions, and part-time compulsory schooling to the age of 17 and later to 18, maintenance allowances to be granted where necessary;

Scales of unemployment and public assistance to be considered in the light of calculations of subsistence needs;

For special areas there should be a reduction of excess burden of public assistance, physical training, subsistence homesteads, land settlement and cottage homesteads;

Nationalisation of coal royalties;

Cotton corporations which should amalgamate the present various units of production;

Assistance to agriculture to secure a decent living to efficient farmers, but such assistance to be given by subsidy rather than by leases or notes;

There should be a definite proposal to all European countries to set up fact-finding Commissions to consider Colonial questions, access to raw materials, currency co-operation and claims to changes in territorial status quo.

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Sig. L. H. Smith, of the

Royal Corps of Signals, who was charged before Mr. K. M.

A. Barnet, Second Police Magistrate, Kowloon, in connection with the wrecking of Mr.

E. Hinsworth's car, was found guilty on four charges and fined \$150 on the first, \$150 on

the second, \$50 on the third and \$20 on the fourth.

MONACO RULER WIN CLAIM

Guardianship Of A Boy Prince

Mr. Justice Luxmoore, in the Chancery Division made an order that the 13-year-old Prince Rainier should be delivered up by his father, Prince Pierre de Polignac, to the custody of the reigning Prince of Monaco, the boy's grandfather.

Prince Rainier is now at school in England, a fact which brought the dispute within the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

The Judge granted to the reigning Prince a declaration that he was the lawful guardian of Prince Rainier, and an injunction restraining Prince Pierre from removing Prince Rainier out of the United Kingdom, except with the plaintiff's consent. Prince Pierre was ordered to pay the costs.

Power Over Royal Family

It was claimed by the Prince of Monaco that, under the Monegasque constitution, he had the power to decide all matters affecting the personal status of members of the royal family.

Following the dissolution of the marriage of his daughter, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Pierre, the reigning Prince made an ordinance resuming the custody of their son, who was in the direct line of succession.

The Prince of Monaco submitted that, under the law of Monaco, he was the guardian of Prince Rainier. This was contested by Prince Pierre.

"In my judgment," said Mr. Justice Luxmoore, "the reigning Prince has established that he is entitled, by virtue of the ordinance of March 8, 1936, to the guardianship and custody of Prince Rainier."

"It seems to me that that legal right having been established, it is not open to Prince Pierre to attempt to prove that the reigning Prince was actuated by some personal motive in promulgating the ordinance."

"If it is desired to adduce any argument on that point, it must be done in camera."

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